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WASHINGTON.

How the Virginia Election is Regarded by the Administration.

Will the New Governor be Able to Redeem His Pledges?

Retrenchment in the Post Office Department.

Order from the Secretary of the Navy in Regard to Hours of Labor.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

WASHINGTON, Saturday, July 10, 1869.

If we are to judge by what reaches us through the telegraph and the papers, it would be safe to conclude that the political millennium has dawned on Virginia. It would be hard to find a parallel in the history of that State for the exuberant joy and enthusiastic satisfaction with which the result of the recent election is grasped. Certainly the people of Virginia—I mean the people who elected WALKER, which includes all except a few "ignorant" and "deluded" enough to vote for WELLS—have had no such invigorating event since the passage of the ordinance of secession.

But a new phase of the situation has immediately succeeded the election. Governor WALKER was nominated by Republicans, and elected by Democrats. Outgrowings of future complications arising from this fact are already reaching here, and the question is seriously asked in official quarters, Will the new Governor be able to stand up to his pledges? If he proves thus able, then he will prove himself possessed of a political sagacity and a moral courage not often found in one who has never been prominent in political life. If he rises superior to the natural promptings and desires of such men as R. M. T. HUNTER, John B. BALDWIN, "Extra Billy" SMITH, R. T. DANIEL, and a score of others likewise of the stamp the credit of electing him, he will vindicate his title to the confidence and respect of loyal people throughout the nation. That his intentions and natural desires are to preserve for the State what is professed to have been won in the election, there is no doubt. But of his ability to do so, considering all the circumstances, there is doubt, and among people, too, who will rejoice to see such doubts speedily dissipated.

I think I am justified in saying that the Administration, collectively and individually, are gratified that so much has been accomplished in the direction of achieving the ends sought by the Reconstruction policy of Congress, through this so-called "Conservative" triumph in Virginia. To hold secured so unequivocally the great concession of the right of the black man to vote and to have office, and to have rendered the ratification of the Fifteenth Amendment certain, by another Southern State, are results for congratulation, no matter by what means accomplished; results, too, which will embarrass Northern Democracy of the present hour, even more than they embarrassed that party in the last campaign. So that if the new State Government does not slough off into the control of men who will carry it over to the rotten Democracy, the Republican Party in Virginia will be afforded an opportunity to reorganize on a more liberal basis, and the results of the election will only have shown it how to achieve victory out of defeat.

Numerous statements have been put forth relative to the position and sympathies of the President and members of the Cabinet respecting this Virginia election, to the effect that they accept the result as a full indorsement of the policy of the Administration, which is substantially the policy of Congress. These statements have been wholly without authority, and have been framed to suit the wishes of the parties making them. The attitude of the President on the Virginia election and its results, if I am not misinformed, is this: that he hopes the results of the future will abundantly justify the policies of the present; that the progress thus far made toward securing the admission of the State, the enforcement of the laws, the protection of person and property, and freedom of opinion, is encouraging; but he is uncertain how, not free from anxiety that these results, now so near accomplishment, may yet be jeopardized by the activity and the demands of the element which has been so instrumental in the election, which was so instrumental in the rebellion, and which still exerts power and influence, and fosters prejudice and passion, as it days gone by. The President has faith that the business interests of Virginia, and the necessities of the future, may overturn and neutralize the influence which goes its inspiration from a worship of the "Lost Cause." Immigration to the State will largely aid this result, and protection to person and property, and tolerance of opinion, are necessary to foster immigration. So far as the President's sympathies with either ticket are concerned, I happen to know, notwithstanding all that has been said, that if he had had a vote in the recent election he would have cast it for the Wells ticket and the expurgated Constitution.

The installation of the new State Government is the next step in the progress of reconstruction. When this shall be done depends upon the military commander. The desire of the successful party is, of course, to get into possession as soon as possible. Yet they do not thereby become released from military control, for the act of Congress of last Spring which authorized the submission of the Constitution, provided that these Governments should be "provisional only," until accepted by Congress. Nevertheless the policy of permitting the new Government to take hold at once will probably be carefully considered. It is argued that thereby it will produce fruits from which Congress may judge, on its reassembling, what measure of reconstruction has been accomplished. The question whether members of the Legislature shall be required to take the test oath will prove one of the earliest difficulties to be surmounted. Attorney-General HOAR will take the case for an opinion as soon as the occasion for it arises, in which the question arose in receipt from General CANBY. Viewed from the point of a strict interpretation of the Reconstruction acts especially the act which has created this new organism, General CANBY's decision is right. He could not obey the law, and do otherwise. The cited action of General GRANT, when General-in-Chief, in the case of Louisiana, is not analogous. The Reconstruction acts as they then stood, left the matter open, apparently within the discretion of the military commander. Deeming a liberal construction the part of wise policy, and accepting the public suggestion of Messrs. WILSON, BOUTWELL and BINGHAM, of the Judiciary Committee of the House, it was decided to require no other oath of the members of the Legislature than that prescribed by the newly-adopted Constitution. But the last Act of Congress defines more positively than any of its predecessors that the State Governments instituted under its operation "shall be provisional only" until accepted. Previous acts require that all the officers of provisional Governments shall take the oath of 1862. General CANBY has required it of all his appointees. The question then will come before the Attorney-General: "Is the oath required by the law?" If it is, it will have to be taken, in all probability, whether it be deemed the part of good policy to enforce it, or not. Should the opinion be that it is an open question, the Executive action will probably incline to the liberal policy, as in the case of Louisiana.

THE MISSISSIPPI ELECTION.

The Mississippi election, the time for which was fixed in cabinet yesterday, also affords a season of some anxiety to the Administration, and the President expressed to the Representatives of the so-called "Conservative" element who called upon him for words of encouragement, his fears that the movement would result in putting the control of the State in the hands of men who had always been inimical to the Union, and who could furnish no guarantee by past conduct or present attitude that the rights of all persons should be respected, and the laws faithfully and impartially enforced. The parties in question asserted that no man should be taken up who was not a Republican, and that the movement should fully accept the terms of the Reconstruction acts, and indorse the policy of the Administration. The proposed nomination of Judge DUNN strikes some as an effort to conciliate Presidential favor—which will prove abortive—quite as much as to present an unobjectionable candidate, inasmuch as Mr. DENT, while a very excellent man, has not hitherto stood in such relations to either party as would indicate his spontaneous selection by either. Yet it would be a fortunate thing if the Republican organization proper, which has not yet made its nominations, could combine with this element upon some good man, with a platform as liberal as that adopted by the Republican Convention at Jackson on the 1st inst. I believe the President would be very glad to see such a combination of all the Republican strength in the State; and the fact that the election is more than four months distant, and the further fact that the Republican Convention adjourned without making nominations, leads to a hope that such a result may be accomplished.

OTMON.

Retrenchment in the Post Office Department—Orders from the Secretary of the Navy—Government Purchase of Bonds—Indian Affairs.

Special Dispatches to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Monday, July 12, 1869.

WORKING HOURS IN THE NAVY-YARDS.

The following order will be issued by the Secretary of the Navy to-morrow:

NAVY DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C., July 8, 1869.

SIR: Your order of June 24, fixing the working hours of the various yards and stations is now revoked. The order of May 24, regulating the subject, will stand with this modification; the ringing of the bell, will commence at such time not exceeding fifteen minutes before the time of commencing work, as may, under the circumstances, at each yard or station, be found by the commandant thereof necessary to secure to the Government the full term of eight hours per day. Care should be taken to establish such rules in this respect as will insure justice to the Government and no unnecessary inconvenience to the workmen. The musterings of the men after the hours of labor will be dispensed with. Very respectfully,

GEO. M. ROBESON, Secretary of Navy.

To Commodores and Commandants of Navy-Yards.

RETRENCHMENT IN THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT.

The following exhibit shows that economy and retrenchment are being practiced to a commendable degree in the Post Office Department as well as elsewhere. The Postmaster-General has, since entering upon his duties in March last, made a thorough investigation of the expensive and unnecessary routes in some of the Western Territories, and has made the following reductions by discontinuance and curtailment:

	Per annum.
Wells, Fargo & Co., by adoption of Pacific Railroad (discontinued),	$[illegible]
San Antonio, Texas, to El Paso and intermediate (curtailed),	10,778 22
Fort Union, New-Mexico, to Santa Fe (discontinued),	4,000 00
Prescott, New-Mexico, to Pima Village, (discontinued),	22,500 00
Prescott, New-Mexico, to Turkey Creek, (discontinued),	4,000 00
Walla Walla, Washington Territory, to Mullan's Pass, Idaho Territory, (curtailed),	45,000 00
Bryan, Wyoming Territory, to Smith Fork, (discontinued),	10,000 00
Denver, Utah Territory, to Elko, (discontinued),	4,000 00
Helena, Montana Territory, to Boise City, (discontinued),	20,000 00
Humboldt, Nevada Territory, to Salt Lake City, Utah, (to the Pacific Railroad), (curtailed),	35,000 00
Total,	$[illegible]

GOVERNMENT PURCHASE OF BONDS.

Secretary BOUTWELL last night sent an order to Assistant Treasurer HUTCHINS to purchase three millions of bonds per week for the next three weeks, or nine millions all told, between now and the 14th of August, and a total of nine millions for the month of July. The Treasury currency balance last night was thirty-two millions, though the purchase of three millions on Friday had not been charged off. The Secretary has continued to make these purchases now while it can, as his balance will still be ample for all the needs of the Government on the 14th of August, and thus give the community at such whatever benefit may ensue from the action. There will probably be no more artificial attempts to tighten money during the next thirty days.

PRESIDENT GRANT.

The President, accompanied by his family, will take the United States steamer Tallapoosa on Wednesday, and proceed to Long Branch, via the Potomac, the Chesapeake and the Capes. He will remain there only a few days, and then will return here. Mrs. GRANT will remain for some weeks, and will then be joined by the President for a trip to the White Mountains.

INDIAN AFFAIRS.

One of the first practical illustrations of the working of the recent circular of Indian Commissioner PARKER, defining the jurisdiction of the civil management of Indian affairs, has just occurred in Nebraska. Some of the Pawnees had left their Reservation for a roving incursion into the western part of the State, during which they murdered a white man and threw his body into the Platte, tying it down to a stake, so that it was some time before it was discovered. The facts were in due time reported to Superintendent JANNEY, of the Northern Superintendency, who went up to the Reservation and made a demand for the delivery of the parties guilty of the murder. The Indians at first refused to comply, whereupon they were notified that their annuities would be withheld until they did comply. The Indians then sent word that the party that committed the outrage was still out, and they could not produce the murderers; but they were again notified that no annuities would be paid until the men were delivered up. In a few days the Indians appeared, and delivered into the hands of the civil authorities six of the suspected men, who were handed over for civil trial. The Superintendent having the annuities on hand, immediately carried out his instructions by distributing the annuities to the tribe. The Indians thus had an illustration of good faith which will probably not be lost upon them.

THE FRACTIONAL CURRENCY.

The new fractional currency ten cent issues have been printed, and will be ready for delivery to-morrow. The fifteen cent issue will also be ready this week, and the other issues will speedily follow. The reduction of four millions in the fractional currency during the last sixty days is owing to the redemption, which have gone on as usual, while there have been no issues. The amount in circulation will now increase again.

QUARANTINE.

The United States steamer Tallapoosa, Commander HALEN CHANDLER, which arrived at Washington Navy-yard yesterday, was denied communication with the city on account of coming from Key West, where the yellow fever has to some extent prevailed. Dr. DEITZ, acting under orders from the Mayor, proceeded to the vessel, and in company with Surgeons WILLIAMS and PARKER, of the United States Navy, made a thorough inspection, and reported there were no indications of any case of yellow fever or any disease liable to become contagious—all of the officers and crew being in good health and spirits, with but one exception, that one suffering from intermittent fever. Dr. DEITZ further reported that he made special inquiry of the medical officer of the Tallapoosa, who informed him there has been but one case of yellow fever at Key West up to the present time.

CHIEF JUSTICE CHASE.

Chief Justice CHASE and Miss CHASE returned to Washington yesterday evening. Business will detain the Chief Justice here some days, after which he will attend the Centennial Commencement of Dartmouth College, of which he is an Alumnus.

NEWS FROM CUBA.

Letters have been received in this city from prominent officers of the Cuban Army of the Republic, via Nassau and Key West, with dates to the 1st inst. The intelligence of the arrest of the members of the Cuban Junta, and others who desired to give practical aid to the Cubans who were struggling to achieve their independence, had been received, and had produced a most profound impression of surprise and regret. No other news could have caused such a feeling of despondency. One of the writers states: "It came like the news of the death of your nearest and best friend—your only friend—and the feeling of all seemed to be that we were alone, and must expect no assistance. However, all seeing that it is now liberty or death, for no mercy can be expected from the Spaniards will fight as only men driven to such desperation can fight." LETONA, who has succeeded LESCA in command of the troops garrisoning Nuevitas and Puerto Principe, and guarding the railroad between those cities, is reported to have met with a serious loss in the desertion of some two hundred of his troops to the standard of QUESADA. They report the dissatisfaction among the Spanish troops to be increasing every day, caused by the frequent changes lately of the commander of these posts and the Generals and regimental commanders. Frequent collisions were reported between the outposts of the two forces in the Eastern Department, with but small loss on either side, though the Cubans claim an advantage of position, and of earnestness on the part of their troops.

PERSONAL.

Hon. G. C. WALKER, Governor-elect of Virginia, and Senator WILLIAMS, of Oregon, are among the arrivals here to-day.

THE WEATHER.

To-day was the hottest of the season, the thermometer showing ninety-eight in the shade.

THE CITY AND THE STATE.

The Necessity for a Reorganization of the Republican Party in the City—The Committee Appointed by the Last State Convention.

From the Albany Evening Journal, July 10.

The NEW-YORK TIMES says that "a new organization is wanted for the party in New-York City—an organization broad enough to admit all who sustain the declared policy and the accredited representatives of the party, and judicious enough in its management to develop the full measure of party strength." The TIMES correctly represents the sentiments of the country, when it says that the feeling is decidedly in favor of reorganization. While this is the undoubted sentiment of the party, it is not equally safe to say that the State Convention will coincide in this opinion. Primary meetings are left to wirepullers, and State Conventions frequently represent only the wishes of scheming politicians. But we believe, on the contrary, that in this case it is now sufficiently apparent that the time has come when reorganization is imperative.

The Radical organization is torn by internal dissensions. A third General Committee is openly talked of, if harmony and judicious action could be secured through the Grilley Committee, it could present some claim to exclusive control of the party machinery. But when its course is so arrogant and despotic as to compel strong Republicans to stand utterly aloof from it, and to denounce it as the work of those its struggled friends and its most distinguished managers, we may well despair of unity under its exclusive auspices. Of course, a third committee could not lay claim to regularity, however much it might recommend itself to the party by its purity and efficiency. The Liberal Republican organization does not claim to be the exclusive of the party interests, in the sense of monopoly of right.

The elections in New-York have been the result of great fault in office. It would serve no good purpose to recite the history of the institution and existence of the breach which exists there. It is true, then, that that for power destroyed the love of party principle in many, and paralyzed the Conservative organization, notwithstanding it contained vastly more good men within its ranks. It is also true that the fear that some one outside their own select circle might dispense patronage or share plunder has led the Radical organizations to keep closed doors and to dominate and threaten all who do not yield them unquestioned allegiance. There is, therefore, much of truth in all the charges made by one party against the other. And hence discord reigns fully in vogue.

It is an admitted fact that the Republican Party can only gain its control of the State, by consolidating the organization in the City, and applying it to some practical purpose. If fraud can be perpetrated under the supervision of the party above there, to such an extent as to vitiate the ballot-box, and to mock the patriotism and the expression of the interior, obtained by strenuous exertions to the utmost of their ability, the enthusiasm of the party will be paralyzed throughout the country, and the organization will lapse into inactivity.

These are unwelcome truths for our friends in New-York City to contend. But it is time that they understood that the days for boldness, swaggering and senseless action, and demonstrated to the country how much of worth and wisdom there is in them. They are energetic. If they displayed half as much zeal in defeating the enemy as in thwarting aliens, the prodigious results they would accomplish would astonish even their own friends. Why can they not themselves see the logic of the position?

The last State Convention made wise provision for the adjustment of these difficulties. Speaker YOUNGLOVE, who cannot be accused of party infidelity, led a movement in the wilderness of the party in the Metropolis. It was then apparent that the old divisions were obsolete. Radicalism and Conservatism were not to be known in the canvass. As all parties seemed willing to sink every thing, so all parties are ready to act even with those who have never acted entirely true to their allegiance. If selection is to be stigmatized as treason, then there can be no such thing as a strong political organization. Mr. YOUNGLOVE saw the necessity of union, and the propriety of thus initiating it. If the representatives of the Radical organization had been as magnanimous and wise as they had hitherto been loyal and true, they would have themselves took foremost in the movement to commit the burial of the dead past to its dead, and looking forward to unity and success, would have grasped cordially and fraternally the hand tendered them by persistently. But they would not. The result shows the reason. Their open denunciation of Marshal BARLOW and secret assaults upon Collector GRINNELL prove that they were even then intent only on spoils, rather than desirous of sacrificing their ambition with those who might claim a share in the fruits of the victory. Hence the magnificent of wise counsels then, and their consequences. Rather than that the harmony of the Convention, on the eve of an important struggle, the question of adjustment was postponed until the coming Convention. A committee was selected appointed by the Chair (Hon. HENRY SMITH, of this City), and that duty was discharged in a manner which gives promise of wise results. The Committee was instructed to examine into the discords existing in the City of New-York, and report to the next State Convention. It consists of the following gentlemen: Messrs. R. M. MARDINE, of Oneida; J. W. JACKSON, of Albany; A. K. PARKER, of St. Lawrence; NORWOOD BOWNE, of Delaware; LEWIS E. SMITH, of Livingston, and NORMAN M. ALLEY, of Cattaraugus. If the Committee will proceed to the performance of the duties imposed upon them, they will confer a service on the Republican Party, than which none can be more important. The longer the adjustment is postponed the more troublesome will be the accomplishment, and more ruinous the results of discord.

THE CONNECTICUT STATE FLAG.—The legislative order for a new State flag for $126 was given to Messrs. TALCOTT & POST to fill, and they have made a splendid flag. It is twenty-one feet by thirty, of brilliant new bunting for the stripes, and the field is wrought of different colors, and bears the State coat-of-arms (the field of silver over the State motto, Qui transtulit, sustinet—the whole field surrounded with the stars of the country's banner. It is a beautiful flag, and when, for the first time, it was given to the breeze to-day from the flagstaff above the figure of Justice on the State House, it excited general admiration.—*Hartford Times, July 10.*

TELEGRAMS.

Resignation of the Ministry of the French Empire.

Immediate Convocation of the Senate Determined Upon.

Threatening Political Agitation in Lisbon.

The Mexican Elections Favorable to the Government.

FRANCE.

Resignation of the Ministry—The Question of Interpellation for Reforms.

PARIS, Sunday, July 11.

Friday the Ministers placed their portfolios in the hands of the Emperor. His Majesty, on receiving them, said: "There are some of the Deputies, gentlemen, who are pushing you very hard, but are you sure the country is with you? I am ready to sacrifice personal legislative power; but there is a question of dignity which will not yield to any pressure."

The Council of Ministers and the Privy Council have held frequent meetings at the summons of the Emperor, to deliberate upon the interpellation for political reforms now pending in the Corps Legislatif. It is said that the following programme has been agreed upon with the concurrence of the Emperor: The Senate will be immediately convoked, when parliamentary changes of a liberal character will be proposed by the Government. These reforms will probably include the extension of the right and facility of interpellation, and the creation of a responsible Ministry, the Emperor choosing Ministers from the Corps Legislatif with the view of arriving at the particular responsibility of each member of his Cabinet.

The London Press on the Political Situation—A Compromise Adopted.

LONDON, Saturday, July 10.

The *Times* this morning has an editorial article on the state of affairs in France. The writer says that if the Corps Legislatif is firm, it will gain the powers which have been demanded by the large minority, and which the majority also desire. The old things are passing away, and another political dispensation is at hand. The desertion of the monarchy by M. MACHAN will show how deep is the general conviction that personal government is a lost cause.

The Morning *Telegraph* says that the Emperor and the principle of ministerial responsibility was the right one, but that it was the business of the Senate, and not of the Corps Legislatif, to regulate. Time, however, will bring the measure.

PORTUGAL.

Political Agitation in Lisbon.

MADRID, Sunday, July 11.

Much political agitation prevails in Lisbon, and the Government is taking unusual precautions to prevent an outbreak.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The Yacht *Dauntless* at Queenstown.

QUEENSTOWN, Sunday, July 11.

The yacht *Dauntless*, JAS. G. BENNETT, Jr., commanding, arrived at this port to-day at 2:35 P. M., all well. She made the voyage in 12 days, 17 hours, 6 minutes, 12 seconds, thus beating the *Henrietta's* time. The *Dauntless* experienced heavy weather.

AUSTRIA.

Precedency of the Upper Reichsrath.

VIENNA, Sunday, July 11.

Prince VON ANSERSPERG has been elected President of the Upper Chamber of the Reichsrath.

THE FRENCH CABLE.

Approaching Completion of the Work.

BREST, Sunday, July 11.

A dispatch from on board the *Great Eastern* reports that up to Saturday noon she had run 9,023 knots from Brest, and paid out 9,287 knots of cable. The work was proceeding without interruption.

MEXICO.

The Elections Favorable to the Government—Illegal Assembling of the Queretaro Legislature—Minister Marisical.

VERA CRUZ, Tuesday, July 6, } via HAVANA, Sunday, July 11. }

The elections throughout the country have resulted in favor of the Government.

The Legislature of the State of Queretaro has been declared illegally assembled, and the members have been suspended from their functions. Orders have been issued by President JUAREZ for elections in that State for a new Legislature.

General BUSTAMENTE, Governor of San Luis Potosi, has been arrested, and is now in prison.

Señor MARISCAL, Minister to the United States, will sail for his post by the next steamer from this port.

The Church Robbery in Albany, N. Y.—Fatal Railroad Casualty.

ALBANY, Sunday, July 11.

A woman giving her name as LOUISE WALSH, was arrested last evening with portions of the silver chalice stolen from St. Mary's Church in her possession. The woman says she has two children in Brooklyn; that her husband deserted her, and that she is destitute.

ANDREW BOWDEN, drover, of this city, was killed Saturday morning on the Boston Railroad, near Hinsdale. He had charge of some cattle for Brighton and it is supposed he fell between the cars.

Ex-Secretary Seward III—General Thomas on Guano to Alaska—Wreck.

SAN FRANCISCO, Saturday, July 10.

Ex-Secretary WILLIAM H. SEWARD is confined to his hotel by an attack of rheumatism, and declines to receive any visitors.

Major-General THOMAS and Staff left Portland, Oregon, on the 6th of July, for Alaska.

An arrival from Alaska reports the total loss of the schooner *Lisette*, off Cape Elizabeth, and the sloop *John Hosse*, on Fox Island.

Mowing Begun on the Hudson.

POUGHKEEPSIE, Sunday, July 11.

The annual regatta of the Shatemuc Boat Club took place late yesterday afternoon over a three-mile course. There were three races—two single sculls, and one double. G. C. BAGLEY won the first in 26 minutes 18 seconds; H. B. LEROY the second in 27 minutes 5 seconds; and G. S. BURHAP and R. W. BAYLEY the double scull race in 26 minutes 37 seconds. Each were presented with a prize.

Fire in Cincinnati.

CINCINNATI, Sunday, July 11.

The furniture factory of Messrs. BAILEY & COX was destroyed by fire this morning. Loss $20,000. Insured for $8,500 in local companies.

Seventh Regiment Excursion to Saratoga.

SARATOGA, N. Y., Sunday, July 11.

A committee of the officers of the Seventh Regiment of New-York are now here, and have perfected the arrangements for their excursion to Albany, Troy and Saratoga. The regiment will be reviewed by Governor HOFFMAN, and will inaugurate the new hall of the Union Hotel with a grand ball, given by the citizens and visitors of Saratoga in honor of the regiment, on the 23d inst.

Inauguration of the Saengerbund in Baltimore.

BALTIMORE, Sunday, July 11.

The Societies from New-York and Philadelphia made excursions to various points in the vicinity of Baltimore to-day.

The Saengerbund was formally inaugurated to-night by the performance of the oratorio "Messiah," at the Maryland Institute. The immense hall was filled.

Madames ROTTER and PRIEDRICH and Messrs. HENNES and JOSEPH HERMANNS sang the leading solo parts. The chorus was most efficiently rendered by several hundred singers, male and female. The performance was a complete success.

The grand procession, composed of the various singing societies and nine regiments of the Maryland National Guard, takes place to-morrow. In the evening prize singing will take place. President GRANT and the members of the Cabinet will be present.

Murderer's Petition in Louisville, Ky.—Kentucky Colored Men's Convention.

LOUISVILLE, Sunday, July 11.

The petition of WILLIAM KRIEL, wife murderer, for a rehearing of his case before the Court of Appeals has been granted. The matter will come up before that Court in September next.

On the 14th of this month there will be held in this city a State Convention of colored men for the purpose of considering the welfare of their race and the best method of encouraging education. The attendance promises to be large.

Chinese Labor Convention.

MEMPHIS, Sunday, July 11.

Telegrams and letters received here from the entire Southwest, state that meetings are being held and delegates appointed to the Chinese Labor Convention to be held on the 12th. A number of planters have already arrived here.

Arrest of an Alleged Forger.

BOSTON, Sunday, July 11.

HENRY D. YOUNG is under arrest charged with forging a $600 check, with which he purchased a piano, pocketing the balance, $75. He is recently from New-York, where, it is said, he served a sentence for a similar offence.

THE HEAT.

Thermometrical Items from all Parts.

NEW-YORK.—3 P. M., 96°; 10:30 P. M., 82°.

PLANTER COVE.—10:30 P. M.: cool and cloudy, with light gales; fires required at night.

PORTLAND.—Thermometer 10 A. M., 90°; 3 P. M., 99°; 10:30 P. M., 74°.

BOSTON.—Highest mercury in the afternoon, 99°; about 3 o'clock heavy thunder-storm and severe rain; 10:30 P. M., thermometer 74°.

PHILADELPHIA.—Highest point of thermometer in the afternoon, 98°; heat tempered by slight showers.

BALTIMORE.—Highest mercury, 90°; 10:30 P. M., 90°; light northwest wind.

WASHINGTON.—Highest thermometer, 99°; 10:30 P. M., 99°.

AUGUSTA, Ga.—7 P. M., thermometer 102°.

CHICAGO.—10:30 P. M., thermometer 68°; cool through the day.

CLEVELAND.—Noon, thermometer 94°.

PITTSBURG.—Highest mercury 90°.

BUFFALO.—Highest 79°; 10 P. M. 66°; had heavy shower at day break.

ROCHESTER.—Clear; thermometer 80°.

SYRACUSE.—Sultry, with heavy shower in morning; clear in afternoon.

TEXAS.

Statistics About the State—Information Interesting to Emigrants—Resources and Prospects—A Few Facts—Healthfulness of the Country—The Mineral Products.

From Our Own Correspondent.

PARIS, Texas, Wednesday, June 23, 1869.

I have a mind to send you a lot of statistics. I know they are as dry as other sticks, but then people looking southward with a view to emigration keep asking for information on various heads, and Texas wants immigrants, and has room for fifteen millions of them, and if she had them she would not be as full as New-York or Pennsylvania is to-day. Nobody knows within half a million how many inhabitants she has; the estimates made by various members of the Constitutional Convention and newspaper editors ranging from 700,000 to 1,300,000, and the State is five times the size of New-York. Taking the highest estimate, there are not over four inhabitants to the square mile, and nearly every mile is habitable. The worst part of it is the poor and dry table land of the Llano Estacado, in the northwest; but the Comanches and Apaches living there prove it to be habitable. There are some swamps and "piney woods" bordering on Louisiana; but in this region Jefferson and some other flourishing towns find room and riches to grow upon.

It will probably never be a region of great cities. Nature has not made provision for any such contingency. Notwithstanding its extensive sea coast, the harbors have a trick of getting blockaded with bars; and, though the people are energetically dredging and clearing the channels, it is a work which will not stay done, and no amount of thrift or energy could do more than to keep clearing them out. The nature of the soil itself renders this hindrance perpetual. It is a deep, friable mould, or sandy clay, or sandy loam, unmixed with stones, and extending deep down from the surface. The rains are often heavy, pouring deluges which wash great gullies in a few hours. The streams carry this toward the sea, and constantly increase the shallowness of the waters at their mouths. The Summer months have long been noted for their dryness. Then the smaller streams go dry—the rivers shrink down far below boating possibilities, except near the sea; and with very few exceptions the country is too level for the use of water-power in running machinery. Where there is water-power in Winter, the dryness of Summer interferes with it, so that if manufacturing towns are built the motive power for the machinery in most places must be steam. It is eminently fitted for agriculture, which is, and probably always will be, the chief industrial pursuit of the people.

The cultivation of the soil and production of shading crops is slowly producing such meteorological changes as are usually attributed to the growth of forests. Each succeeding year the average rain-fall increases, and the droughts, formerly so frequent and of such terrible severity, are diminishing in frequency and length. Yet the forests are growing less and less all the time. If cultivation were general, this region would probably be no more liable to suffer for rain than any other so far from mountains. As great a drawback to farming operations as the drought, is the washing of the land alluded to. One farmer told me he believed he lost four inches of soil from every plowed field last Winter, and as nearly all the heavy plowing is done in the Winter, the annual loss must be great. Small farmers who plow less area, and do it just before planting, would avoid a good deal of it. When the extreme droughts occur, the herds sometimes have to be driven fifteen or twenty miles to a new range, where they can get water.

As the State has a latitude extending from 26° to 39°, the productions are as various as can be found between Northern Georgia and Southern Florida. Here, in the Red River region, all the small grains are grown, even buckwheat, which is harvested before the great heats begin. Sometimes the Fall rains bring out another crop of straw, and even grain, which, however, does not amount to much. This season the wheat is very fine. All our Northern root crops, except carrots, do well here, and beets are enormous. Irish potatoes are rather uncertain; but sweet potatoes yes, and in the mellow soil. Peanuts are a sure and profitable crop, but being rather troublesome, are not so much raised as they would be with a good market open to them. Fruits grow rapidly, but are short-lived. As the culture is rather spasmodic one cannot tell what would happen should an enlightened fruit-grower devote himself to it. Most of the fruit is grown at intervals by people who do not make a business of it. It is said currants will not grow here, and I have seen no raspberries, though the region seems to be unusually suited to the finer kinds. I do not know anybody who has tried them. Strawberries grow wild in quantities, but few people cultivate them, and the cattle make the supply precarious. Blackberries and wild grapes are abundant and excellent. Cotton is the great staple, though there are fifty other things would do as well. Probably silk may ultimately rival cotton here, as the silk of California. I see no reason why we should import Smyrna figs, when they grow here as well. Corn and sorghum grow everywhere, and garden vegetables are to be had from the early mustard greens in February till late in December.

A FEW FACTS.

When I was about starting for Texas last Fall, a lady jestingly told me I must always look in my shoes before putting them on, lest I should intrude on a scorpion or tarantula. They are both occasionally found here, and I believe in some parts are not uncommon, but I have seen none yet. A little girl was recently telling me of having seen a tarantula—as interested in the sight as a stranger would be. She had never before seen one. So they cannot be very plentiful. Not a centipede has shown himself, though I have run the woods and scoured the prairies in search of anything that I could find. I have seen all of four snakes, and three of them were garter snakes, and one of them was dead. The fourth was, I am told, a land moccasin. I have about quit looking for them. Some twenty miles from here, however, on the Sulphur Fork of the Red River, there is a ledge of rocks which protects the reptiles, which are found there in rather alarming quantities. The insect pests are fewer than I expected. I have seen less than half a dozen mosquitoes this year. They are only troublesome near the water. Ticks, chiggres and fleas are innumerable and insatiable. But the ticks are confined to the woods, and the chiggres do not infest the sandy land, so they are avoidable. But the fleas!—both WEBSTER's and WORCESTER's *Unabridged* lie near, but words fail me. The fleas are inexpressible. Adjectives are of "no account" whatever. Swine are free commoners. The streets swarm with them, and the bags swarm with fleas. Dogs are in superabundance, and every dog supports an army. Every animal is a plantation of vicious hops. No neatness is proof against them. A pet kitten will distribute faster than you can destroy them. Rats will catch young chickens and leave fleas in exchange. Ticks and chiggres do not come indoors. The former are easily seen and caught, and anointing with salted grease destroys the latter. But the fleas are ubiquitous and unmanageable.

SALUBRITY OF THE STATE.

Except near the water, the country is far more healthy than I expected to find it. The general look of the people is less bilious and sallow than along the lower Ohio. Neither cholera nor yellow fever has ever found its way to this part of the State, though both of them ravage the coast occasionally, and creep up the rivers to the interior. Two years ago a quarantine established below Jefferson stopped the yellow fever, which came no further than the lake, though it was bad in Shreveport below. At present all the ports are under quarantine regulations, the authorities having determined to keep the approaching enemy beyond the Rio Grande. The newspapers generally have been calling on the towns to "clean up," and give the fever no invitation to visit standing puddles and foul heaps. Immigrants settling either upon the prairies or sandy land are in no more danger from malaria or climatic diseases than they would be in moving to any new country.

MINERAL RESOURCES.

There are no mines in this part of the State, but further west there are found coal, copper and iron. Quarries of lime and a species of soft sandstone, used for numberless purposes, occur. This stone is "whittled" into troughs, well-curbs, &c., &c.,—any boy being able to cut his initials without spoiling his jack-knife. It is light colored and agreeable to the eye, and something solider than brick.

GENERAL SAFETY.

The inhabitants are much safer than they were six months ago, having in various ways got rid of a large number of great rascals, who made life and property precarious possessions for awhile. Three of the leading desperadoes, and over twenty of the 1st, have been hanged or shot within that time—most of them since February. Other parts of the State have also been weeding out these sentry of the road, until lately the homicides have shrunk down to comparatively moderate proportions.

The first difficulty immigrants will meet will be the want of a way to get here. But there are three railroads approaching from the North and East, and several working up from the Gulf. Those who get here before the roads do can get thousands of acres of land for an extremely low price. Good land has been sold in this county, this Spring, at public sale, for thirty cents an acre. That will hardly happen after the way is opened to immigration.

At the North we are apt to imagine the state of the weather at the ripening of any particular crop in one place, to resemble that of another during the same harvest; but it is a mistake. The strawberries were gone before we had any really hot weather; a condition of things the Jersey strawberry pickers will be apt to envy, as they fry out their mortal juices with the thermometer at 90°. The same crops do not always ripen simultaneously, which do so at the North. For two weeks now they have been harvesting wheat and picking blackberries—harvests which come six weeks apart in New-York. Spring lasts much longer, and things grow more slowly than there. There is something in the Northeast of almost Arctic character, in the rapidity with which vegetation jumps from Winter's brown to Summer's green. It loiters by the way here, opening buds at leisure, for there is plenty of time.

This is a region of the most magnificent possibilities. Whether they will ever be developed time will show.

E. C. W.

Thomas Mulhall Sentenced to Death in Cleveland.

From the Cleveland (Ohio) Plain Dealer, July 10.

THOMAS MULHALL, convicted twice of being implicated in the murder of DAVID P. SKINNER, of Independence Township, on the 19th of September, 1866, was this day, by Judge PAINE, of the Court of Common Pleas, sentenced to be hanged on Thursday, Aug. 26. THOMAS KILPOYLE, convicted of aiding and abetting in the same crime, was sentenced to the Penitentiary for fifteen years—the full extent of the law. Both prisoners received the sentence without any visible indications of trepidation.

DAVID P. SKINNER was shot in his own house at 9 o'clock P. M., Sept. 19, 1866, by LEWIS DAVIS, who, with THOMAS MULHALL, JOHN BUTTERFIELD, WM. FOLLIOTT and ROBERT MCKANNA, entered the house for the purpose of robbery. DAVIS was hanged; FOLLIOTT escaped; BUTTERFIELD and MCKANNA turned State's evidence, and they have not yet been tried; MULHALL got away, but was captured, and has had two trials, and KILPOYLE, after putting up the rope, backed out at the last moment, and was at liberty about the city until after the second conviction of MULHALL. MULHALL then informed on KILPOYLE, and the result is fifteen years' imprisonment.

The attorneys for MULHALL, Messrs. OTIS, COFFINBERRY and ADAMS, having given notice that a bill of exceptions on the rulings of the Court will be taken to the Supreme Court, the sentence, if not interfered with, will be carried into execution six weeks from next Thursday. Judge PAINE requested MULHALL that he should devote the intervening time to making preparation for that solemn event, not allowing it to be frittered away in what would, in all probability, prove a fruitless attempt at commutation. The remarks of the Judge were filled with solemn meaning, and were deeply impressive.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

The State Taxes and the State Finances—Letter from Governor Scott.

Governor SCOTT, of South Carolina, has addressed an elaborate reply to some citizens of the State who recently made complaint to him on the subject of the present system of taxation. Governor SCOTT shows that there is nothing in the present system of taxation to justify the charges of unfairness or oppression; nor is it excessive or extraordinary, either as compared with the past experience of their own State, or with the existing rates of taxation in other States of the Union. Concluding his letter, he says:

But while unpatriotic efforts are being made to induce our people to believe that our system of taxation is oppressive and ruinous, I would invite you to look at its beneficial effect upon the prosperity, the credit and the character of the State. In affording a satisfactory evidence of the determination of our people to pay its debts and meet its responsibilities, it has lifted the credit of the State from the verge of bankruptcy to a respectable and prominent position in financial and monetary circles. Our bonds, which at one time could be purchased for twenty-five cents on the dollar, now command seventy-three cents, and are steadily advancing, insomuch that I am in hopes by the 1st of January they will be practically at par. In this single item alone there has been already a gain to the people of $3,000,000; but the satisfactory vindication of the financial resources of the State was of infinitely more value in enhancing the value of property throughout its entire limits to the extent of many millions, and attracting to it the attention of capitalists and em

SUMMER RESORTS.

NEW-YORK TO MONTREAL.

A Trip Through the Connecticut Valley—Places and Objects of Interest Along the Route—Where to Go, How to Go, and What to Do.

The season has now fairly commenced when all who can, rid themselves for a time of business cares, leave the City, with its heat and dust and troubles, behind them, and give themselves up for a few weeks to a life of rural, hay rest; when staid business men cast off their serious thinking-caps and become as merry and careless as their natures will permit, giving up all thoughts of bargains, dollars, and the prices of stocks, becoming interested instead in fishing, driving, shooting, &c., and generally recuperating for the fall season; when mothers and wives, freed from the cares and worry of housekeeping become girls again, and, strolling with their husbands across the fields, under the trees, or beside the water, lounging in the shade, whiling away the time in luxurious idleness, and thinking of the happy days of long ago, pass happy, joyous hours, the remembrance of which will lighten up many dull hours, and smooth away the troubles of the weeks that follow. To the young it is, or should be, a season of unalloyed pleasure; by them the time is generally well improved. The long evening walks, the delicious hour upon the water, the pleasant drives over hill and plain, are all fraught with pure honest pleasure, and the maidens, with bright eyes and rosy cheeks, such as nature only gives, are never so attractive and lovable as then.

The present and the two succeeding months will be passed by thousands in the enjoyment of country life; and in the Autumn those who have used the time judiciously, who have not carried city follies and dissipations out of town with them, but have been content with the enjoyments Nature has herself provided, will return to the City, improved and freshened up, ready to resume the cares of life, and enter again upon its eternal duties. There are many who, intending to pass a few weeks ruralizing, are not yet certain where to go, nor what to do; to such, a brief sketch of several attractive places, and the outlines of a few pleasant trips, may not be uninteresting.

THE CONNECTICUT VALLEY.

The Connecticut Valley, for a long time known to but few, is, now that the modes of travel have been improved, made more rapid and comfortable, becoming justly popular. It is particularly fertile and beautiful, the scenery grand, lofty mountains and broad meadows presenting themselves by turns, and through it runs the noble Connecticut River, the Rhine of New-England. There is scarcely a town, mountain or lake along the entire route that does not present some item of interest to the tourist; a journey through it is very enjoyable, and hundreds will undoubtedly make it within the next few weeks.

Starting from the depot corner of Fourth-avenue and Twenty-seventh-street, by the New-York and New-Haven Railroad, the excursionist is drawn by horse cars through the tunnel to Forty-second-street, where the engine is attached. Moving toward the north, the eastern boundary of Central Park may be seen on the left. It embraces nearly a thousand acres, and is being rapidly finished in a style equal to any park in the world. Five miles being passed, we arrive at High Bridge, once a suburban town, but now part of the great Metropolis. From the cars may be seen the western end of High Bridge. It is one of the most magnificent in existence, was built across Harlem River for the purpose of conveying water from the Croton Aqueduct to the receiving reservoir in New-York. It is 1,450 feet in length, 114 feet above tide-water, built of cut stone, and cost over a million of dollars. A little steamer makes hourly trips from Harlem to the bridge for the accommodation of strangers who wish to see it; crossing Harlem River, the train passes through a number of pretty little villages, and we continue on until, eighteen miles from New-York, we arrive at

NEW-ROCHELLE,

a flourishing little town, noted as the place where, in 1809, THOMAS PAINE was buried on his own farm, the Quakers refusing his request, made shortly before his death, that he might be interred in their grounds. WILLIAM COBBETT, the English reformer, afterward carried the remains to England, but the monument erected to his memory still stands within a few feet of where he was first buried. Passing Mamaroneck and Rye we arrive at Portchester, twenty-nine miles from New-York, at the mouth of the Byram River and the boundary line between New-York and Connecticut; crossing the river, the excursionist enters the Nutmeg State. Two miles further on lies the village of

GREENWICH,

situated on a hill about a mile north of the railroad. This place is famous as the place where, during the revolution, General ISRAEL PUTNAM made his daring ride down the stone steps. The locality may be seen from the cars. On the brow of a hill, just east of the Episcopal Church, will be noticed a large square white house; ten rods north of it the steps were located. They have been removed, but the place still bears the name of "Put's Hill." Crossing the Mianus River upon a draw-bridge, forty feet above the water, we shortly arrive at the beautiful town of

STAMFORD,

one of the handsomest places on the line, and where the express train makes its first stop. From 1,000 to 1,500 persons flock here each year to spend the hot months. It is a place of considerable wealth, noted for its wide, clean, shady streets and elegant residences. It has four public parks, eight churches, and the drives over the summits north and east of the village command views extensive and hard to surpass. There are several large manufactories for woolen goods, and the business, for the size of the place, is rather extensive. The population of the town is about 8,000; of the village, about 4,000. Eight miles further on, and the second stopping-place for express trains is

NORWALK,

a place celebrated for its oysters and hats. Over half a million of dollars, it is estimated, are received annually for the sale of oysters sent out of this place. It is the most important town on the Sound engaged in this business. The streets are wide, lined with fine old shade trees, and the dwellings elegant and costly. The population is over 6,000. The Danbury and Norwalk Railroad extends from the south village to Danbury, a distance of twenty-four miles. Leaving Norwalk, crossing a drawbridge forty feet above the water, the express train passes the villages of Westport, Southport and Fairfield, reaching

BRIDGEPORT,

fifty-nine miles from New-York, where it makes its third stop. This is a thriving city of about 17,000 inhabitants. It has fifteen churches, two large parks, claims the finest beach on the Sound, and has excellent accommodations for bathing, &c. The Naugatuck Railroad, extending to Winsted, sixty-two miles, and the Housatonic, extending to Pittsfield, 110 miles, intersect the New-York and New-Haven Railroad, the former at this place, the latter at Naugatuck Junction, east of the Housatonic River. Eight miles further on is the quiet comfortable little town of

MILFORD.

East of the depot is an old cemetery, in which is a freestone monument, thirty feet high, erected to the memory of 250 American soldiers who, in 1777, in a sick and dying condition, were brought from a British prison-ship at New-York, and suddenly cast ashore at this place; in less than a month forty-six of them died, and were buried in one common grave. The monument may be seen from the cars. As the tourist approaches New-Haven he will notice on the north West Rock, between three and four hundred feet high, the place where GOFFE and WHALLEY, two of the Judges who condemned CHARLES I., concealed themselves when pursued by the King's officers; two miles east of West Rock is East Rock, a place which is well worth visiting, and which commands a grand view of New-Haven and the Sound. A few view of that rock may be had as the cars leave New-Haven for Hartford and Springfield. A few miles more, and the traveler arrives at

NEW-HAVEN,

familiarly known as "Elm City" from the ancient and magnificent elms which adorn its public parks. The cleanliness and order everywhere visible in this city at once attracts the stranger's attention. It is a grand old place, and still worthy the high reputation it has for years enjoyed. The public square contains sixteen acres. In it are Trinity, Centre and North Churches; further west is the State-house, built in the Grecian Doric style. Here the Legislature holds sessions in even years. Fronting this square and occupying fourteen buildings is Yale College, one of the leading educational institutions in this country. It was founded in 1700, held its first commencement at Saybrook in 1702, and removed to New-Haven in 1716. It received its name from ELIHU YALE, one of its most liberal patrons and a resident of New-Haven. The city has nearly forty churches and a population of about 50,000. The public buildings are very beautiful, and the visitor will, all through the city, find much to interest him. Going north, after leaving the "City of Elms," the train, now on the track of the New-Haven, Hartford and Springfield line, passes under Chapel-street, over Mill River, past East Rock to Wallingford, near which the visitor will notice the Hanging Hills, the highest points of land in the State, and the first objects seen by sailors coming into Sandy Hook below New-York. A few miles further on, and we arrive at

MERIDEN,

where all the express trains stop, just midway between New-Haven and Hartford. It is a very brisk manufacturing town, there being over fifty large establishments. It has nine churches and a population of about 10,000. The State Reform School is located here. East of this place is Mount Lamentation, and just south of the depot is Berlin Junction, from which may be seen the Church spires of New-Britain, a thriving village of 6,000 inhabitants, where the State Normal School is located. Middletown, 16 miles off, though not on the main line of travel, is a very pleasant Summer resort. A few miles from Berlin Junction and we catch sight of the tall spires of

HARTFORD,

one hundred and ten miles from New-York, and a very active bustling place. It is full of interesting things and places, and every tourist should so arrange his trip as to spend at least one day looking over the relics, curiosities, venerable buildings, &c. The time will be well spent and the visitor amply repaid for any trouble he may have taken. The State House was built in 1794. The State Library is literally full of interesting articles and documents—a letter written in 1662 by CHARLES II. to the Colonial Governor of Connecticut; the Governor's chair, made of wood from the Charter Oak; portraits of twenty-four Governors, &c., &c. In the Historical Rooms, in the Wadsworth Athenæum, another collection of rare old relics will be found—elder WILLIAMS' chest, that came over with him in the *May Flower*; MILES STANDISH's dinner pot, General PUTNAM's tavern sign, the first telegraphic message sent in this country between Washington and Baltimore, little six by nine mail bags used in 1776, and hundreds of other articles equally interesting. The rooms are open each day free to the public, and the janitor is in attendance to explain the curiosities. The population is about 40,000. The place contains twenty-four churches, the Connecticut Theological Institute, Trinity College, Deaf and Dumb Asylum, Retreat for the Insane, and the Hartford Hospital. The streets are macadamized, and the drives through and about it are unsurpassed. Moving on we pass Windsor and Windsor Locks, and come to a magnificent iron truss bridge across the Connecticut, midway between Hartford and Springfield. It is 1,020 feet long, weighs about 600 tons, and cost $265,000. It was commenced in June, 1865, and completed in February, 1866. It has seventeen spans, the longest of which is 177½ feet. Crossing the bridge we arrive at Warehouse Point, the head of sloop navigation, and once a place of considerable note. The next place of importance is

SPRINGFIELD,

the oldest town in Massachusetts, on the Connecticut River, settled in 1636 by a colony from Roxbury, many of the descendants of whom still live in the vicinity. Here, in 1795, was established the United States Armory, which, steadily growing, is now immense and very complete. During the four years of the rebellion, ending June 30, 1865, it kept 5,300 men constantly employed, and turned out 731,154 guns of various patterns, nearly all of which were used during the war. The Government property comprises over seventy-two acres, the buildings are inclosed by a substantial iron fence, and the grounds are very nicely laid out. The arsenal is three stories high, and has room for over 300,000 muskets; from the top of it may be had a better view than from any other point in the city. Here, years ago, LONGFELLOW wrote the poem, beginning:

"This is the arsenal. From door to ceiling
Like a huge organ, rise the burnished arms;
But from yonder belfry rolls a deeper peeling
Startles the villages with strange alarms!

"Ah! what a sound will rise—how wild and dreary—
When the death angel touches those swift keys!
What loud lament and bitter sorrow
Will mingle with their awful symphonies!"

Little did any then imagine that this terrible death organ would so soon put forth its fearful roar, but now that it all over, its pipes are again silent, and we experience the blessings described in the closing verse:

"Down the dark future, through long generations,
The long summer time of peace shall roll
And like a bell, with solemn, sweet vibrations,
I hear once more the voice of Christ say 'Peace!'

Peace! and no longer from its brazen portals
The blast of war's great organ shakes the skies;
But beautiful as songs of the immortals,
The holy melodies of love arise."

The cemetery is also worthy of a visit, and so is Hampden Park, laying near the river and well adapted for horse shows and Agricultural Fairs for which it is frequently used. The Connecticut River Railroad terminates at this place, which road we now take, and proceed passing Mount Tom, 1,200 feet high, and the greatest elevation of the mountain range, to

HOLYOKE,

a pleasantly situated village of 6,000 inhabitants, and already quite an important manufacturing place. Just north of it lies the celebrated dam, built in 1849 across the Connecticut River. It is 1,017 feet in length and thirty feet high, built of lumber, containing over 4,000,000 feet, which being under water is protected from decay. The top is covered with boiler iron and it is spiked to rock at the bottom of the river by 3,000 large iron bolts. The river at this point falls sixty feet in a mile and a half, and furnishes power sufficient to drive a million cotton spindles. Opposite Holyoke is the village of South Hadley Falls. Five miles from Holyoke is Smith's Ferry, from which place to

NORTHAMPTON,

a distance of four miles, the scenery is very varied and beautiful. This is one of the oldest towns in the Connecticut Valley; it was settled in 1654 by twenty-one planters from Hartford and Windsor, who purchased it from the Indians for "one hundred fathoms of wampum, ten coats, and some small gifts." Here in 1800 the silk fever had full sway. Large numbers of mulberry trees were planted and coconeries established, but the experiment proved a failure, and the undertaking was finally abandoned. The place is very attractive, and presents many points of interest. The tourist who gives one or two days to examining its beauties, visiting its factories, &c., will carry away many pleasant recollections. Four miles to the south-west is Easthampton, noted for its schools and factories. Seven miles east of Northampton is Amherst and its colleges, among the youngest in New-England, but already in the front rank of our educational institutions. A mile to the north of Northampton we come to the Great Bend in the Connecticut, where the river runs seven miles to gain one. Passing Hatfield and Whatley we see Sugar Loaf Mountain, on the west bank of the Connecticut, within 200 yards of the river and rising almost perpendicularly from the meadows below. North of this is another peak a little higher, but seldom visited, because the view is not so good. The top of this mountain was supposed to be the headquarters of King Philip, the terror of the early settlers. At the southern foot of it he fought a great battle, and on the right, north of the village, a terrible massacre was perpetrated by the Indians. The monument erected to commemorate it may be seen in front of the North Church. Table Rock, projecting from the mountain on the eastern side, is a point of considerable interest. Underneath the rock is King Philip's chair, cut from the solid rock. East of Sugar Loaf is Mount Toby, 1,200 feet above the river. Passing Bloody Brook Monument we soon come to Old Deerfield, a town celebrated during the Indian wars. Leaving the Deerfield bridge to Greenfield, a pretty little old-fashioned place, and quite interesting. The Poet's Seat and Bear's Den, on the mountain, are worth visiting, and the drives to Turner's Falls, Shelburne Falls and the Hoosick Tunnel are very pleasant. Visitors to the tunnel leave the cars at Cheshfield and proceed by stage. Continuing in the cars, we soon come to South Vernon, the State line, where the tourist leaves Massachusetts and enters Vermont. Before reaching the Vernon Station,

MONADNOCK MOUNTAIN

may be seen, rising 3,250 feet above the sea, the first land seen by emigrants entering Boston Harbor from Europe. From the summit forty lakes and a number of villages are in full view, and on a clear day Bunker Hill monument may be seen, with the naked eye. The tourist who misses this loses one of the finest views and most interesting places along the entire line. To reach it from the Connecticut Valley passengers leave the train at South Vernon, thence by the Ashuelot Railroad to Keene, by the Cheshire Railroad to Troy, and the remaining distance five miles, by stage. From Boston one can start in the morning, visit the mountain, and return the same day. Leaving Vernon we pass Fort Dummer, the first settlement made in Vermont, and in a little time, having traveled 184 miles from New-York, arrive at

BRATTLEBORO,

a comfortable old town on the Connecticut River, whose uneven surface, beautifully improved, and surrounded by grand hill and mountain scenery, reminds one not a little of a trip through Switzerland. The highest point in the village is nearly three hundred feet above the river. Opposite, on the east bank of the Connecticut is Wantastiquet Mountains, rising from the river 1,051 feet, and separated from it by a narrow gorge is Mine Mountain. Leaving Brattleboro, the railroad continues along the bank of the river, the scenery mountainous and beautiful, and after about an hour's riding, passing several pretty little towns on the way, we reach

BELLOWS FALLS,

named after Colonel BELLOWS, the founder of Walpoles, and once a great fishing place with the Indians. The Falls are quite well known, and a full description of them is unnecessary. The river passes over several rapids, and makes a descent of forty-two feet. Mount Kilburn rises precipitously from it to the height of 950 feet. From the railroad and toll bridges which pass over the Falls, fine views may be had. Passing a number of smaller places and the Ascutney Mountains, through Windsor and Hartland, we come to

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION,

one of the most important railroad stations on the line. Passengers for the White Mountains or Lake Memphremagog should, before reaching this station, secure seats in the forward car, passengers for Mount Mansfield in the rear, or one of the Vermont Central cars; by so doing they will avoid the annoyance of changing cars. We will first follow the line of the Vermont Central into the valley of White River, on to Montpelier, St. Albans and Montreal, and afterward returning to the Junction, make the trip over the Connecticut and Passumpsic River Railroad to the White Mountains, Lakes Willoughby and Memphremagog. After luncheon at White River Junction, we enter the valley keeping close to the river, called by the Indians Kaskadnac, signifying white pebbles, and passing some dozen places of more or less importance, reach

MONTPELIER,

the capital of Vermont, situated in the village of Winooski, and containing some three or four thousand inhabitants. The Capitol building is of granite, and one of the most beautiful in the New-England States. In the portico stands a life-size statue of Vermont's hero, ETHAN ALLEN, carved in Vermont marble. In the State House are gathered the regimental flags which the Green Mountain boys carried bravely through many a hard-contested fight, and brought home tattered and torn, but honored and dearly loved. In the historical and geological rooms are deposited many rare and curious specimens, which merit attention. Taking the cars for seventy-three miles more to

WATERBURY,

the passengers for Mount Mansfield leave the train and take the stage to Stowe, ten miles to the northward. Sitting on the box and chatting with the driver, a more delightful drive can scarcely be imagined; points of interest turn up every moment, and the jehu, a rather jolly old fellow, is always willing to give full explanations to good-natured travelers. Just before reaching Stowe, the driver can tell the best spot within an inch almost, a fine view may be had of the grand old

MOUNT MANSFIELD.

"Old Mansfield" is supposed to be rather tired, and lying down with his face to the sky. The southern peak represents the forehead, the middle the nose, and the northern the chin. The nose is 150 feet above the forehead. The chin is 4,043 feet above the sea, 3,200 feet above the village of Stowe, and 340 feet above the nose. Having taken a good look at the old fellow, the visitor may take a coach, or if he desires to do the proper thing, mount a nimble sure-footed little pony, and commence the ascent. Passing along a very fair road, through heavy timber, you in due time reach a clearing, where a glorious spring sends forth quantities of clear cool delicious water, grateful to man and beast. At this point the carriages stop. The rest, a distance of two miles, not quite straight up in the air, but near enough to it, to make the traveler think the couple of miles fully a dozen, must be done on foot or pony back. It is a terribly hard walk and the tourist who tries it on foot is pretty sure to repent his choice long before he reaches the summit; but that reached, he feels amply repaid for all he has gone through. The view is grand beyond description, and on a first visit one finds it difficult to tear himself away. There is a sort of fascination in its awful grandeur that chains the tourist to the spot; he stands delighted, bewildered, totally surprised and unwilling to move. The view is as much more extensive and beautiful than he imagined that he almost fears to leave, lest it prove a delusion, and melt away like a dream. Reaching the eastern face of the Nose, first take a view of the valley in the east, then turning to the west, look down into Smuggler's Notch, a deep gorge winding between the mountains, once a route for contraband traders. On your left the Nose rises some two or three hundred feet, and looking upward and still further west, you get the first view of the "Old Man of the Mountain." After a few moments rest, walk round to the western face of the Nose, a few rods distant, and commence its ascent. Reaching its summit, you have a view which words can scarce describe. Four thousand feet below, the Winooski runs along, appearing like a very small rivulet. West lies the great Valley of the Champlain, beyond, sixteen miles distant, but still within easy sight, is the Lake itself; and west of it rise the peaks of the famous Adirondacks. North is the Valley of the St. Lawrence, Montreal Mountain, with the City at its base, Jay Peak and Owl's Head. East the Franconia range, and the White Mountains, and south, Camel's Hump, Killington Peak and Ascutney. With the aid of a good glass many smaller but equally beautiful and interesting points may be seen. Leaving this, the pride of the residents of the old Green Mountain State, we return to Waterbury and resume our journey. Riding along through a country of almost unbroken beauty, the next noticeable point we come to is

BURLINGTON,

overlooking Lake Champlain, and one of the most beautiful places in the State. A little south of the city is Rock Dundee, a black mass of naked slate rock, which the British commander in 1813 opened fire on, imagining it to be some Yankee contrivance for destroying his fleet. Opposite the town is Port Kent, and near it the remarkable Ausable River. The Vermont University is situated here, from the observatory of which fine views may be had. The town has a population of about 9,000, and is the fourth lumber market in the country. Remaining in the cars, we shortly reach

ST. ALBANS,

noted as the scene of the Confederate raid in 1864. It is a pretty place, and a few hours may be profitably spent in driving through it, and seeing its numerous objects of interest. A journey of sixty-five miles more, over a level country, through several villages, over the St. Lawrence on the Victoria Bridge, across the Willard tunnel, and we arrive at the depot in

MONTREAL.

The Canadians here are an easy, good-natured people, never in a hurry, always hospitable and willing to entertain strangers. Several days may be pleasantly passed in visiting and after the American has accustomed himself to their slow, comfortable way of doing things, renews his acquaintance with gold and silver, and has dropped some of his distinctional idiosyncrasies he enjoys the life as much as do the natives themselves.

We have now sketched one very delightful trip. The express train runs from New-York to Springfield, 140 miles, in five hours. At this place fifty minutes are given for dinner. Another pleasant way of commencing the trip is to take the night boat from New-York to New-Haven, spend the morning hours in that city, and then proceed north.

In the next paper we will return to the White River Junction, and make the trip to the White Mountains and Lake Memphremagog—two of the most delightful Summer resorts we have, already very popular, and as they become better known, destined to be second to none on the continent.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

THE WEDDING DAY IN ALL AGES AND COUNTRIES. By EDWARD J. WOOD. New-York: HARPER & BROTHERS.

The marriage customs of men are among the best preserved traditions of the world for obvious reasons; and while they must, in a social way, have their attractions for the general reader, they must also be interesting to the archæologists, and all those who endeavor to discover something of the life and philosophy of the long-vanished nations of mankind. These marriage rites have a good deal of what has been called "mystery" in them, and they are mixed up in a greater degree than is generally suspected with the older forms of human worship, and, through these, in fact, with all forms of the same, in every age of the world. The woman enters largely into all ancient religions. In her pagan connections she is emphatically denounced by early Christian writers, such as St. John; while, in her Christian connections, she is treated with the highest respect, as in those allusions to the "Spirit and the Bride"—or "*Paraclete* and the Bride"—an expression which, in a radical sense, is calculated to give the most astonishing insights into what men have agreed, and perhaps very properly, to place in the list of the "mysteries." For a variety of good old reasons, then—and of bad old reasons as well—the subject of this little book is a very important one, and the elderly antiquarian may find as much entertainment in it as "the younker prancing to his love."

The earliest notices of marriage ceremonies are to be found in the Bible. At first they were simple enough. Isaac sends to Rebekah a present of ornaments and an invitation to come to him. Subsequently there was a symbolism in marriage; for when, as we are told in Deuteronomy, a man refused to marry his brother's widow, she took from him his shoe and spat in his face or before his face, or on the shoe; for all these meanings are given by translators, and the last somehow seems the most natural. The shoe represented a symbol, apparently, worn as a sort of amulet or talisman, made like a boat or ark, or the "Ship of Isis"—a token of manhood, honor, &c., worn subsequently on the turbans of all oriental Sultans. The writer of the story of Ruth speaks also of a "shoe," but in an indistinct way, as if showing a desire to slur over a very old custom. At any rate, the poor woman seized that amulet, whatever it was, and showed her contempt for it and the wearer. The Hebrews do not appear to have used the marriage ring at first—since the Bible does not mention it; but they subsequently got the custom from the pagans, as SELDEN argues—though it is very probable they had it always; for they had the ideas and manners of the other Asiatics in the rankest luxuriance, as the Bible itself tells us in a manner not to be mistaken. In ages subsequent to the Bible period, the Jews used those marriage rings with little arks or capsules on the place of the boat, or, as we say, the seal, and also the curious hieroglyphic motto, *Mazel-tob*, according to the fashion of the Syrians and others. On this subject our author says:

"Jewish wedding rings are sometimes of large size and elaborate workmanship, and have generally engraved upon them, in Hebrew characters, a sentiment conveying an expression of good wishes, and very often the posy, 'Joy be with you,' which is thought to be of Syriac origin. It is recorded that the ancient Hebrews considered the planet Jupiter, which they called *Mazel-tob*, to be a very favorable star; for which reason newly-married men gave their wives rings, whereon those words were engraved in Hebrew characters; the signification being that the bride might have good fortune under that lucky star."

The Jews had also a custom—perhaps they still have it—of writing those words on cards left with newly-married couples. The above explanation is that of the most learned Hebrews themselves, which BOCHART and the scholars have accepted. But the motto had another meaning, slurred over in the lapse of ages—a coarser meaning, which people are very reluctant to admit. It seems to have been originally pronounced *Mazel-tov*, the latter word, tov, being a term, as most archæologists are aware, representing the most ancient and venerable symbol in the world—the cross. The word *Mazel-tov* had a curious meaning in the East; but nobody seems to have been aware that it was also pronounced with the same sacrosanct emphasis in the Celtic West. It is, apparently, the *Mizeckle*, incredible as the fact may seem. This *Mizeckle*, though it stands rather gorilla to the festive matter in hand, would certainly lead us too far into the "forest of difficulty" inhabited by the Druids; and so we leave it for the Bochartz and Buxdorfs of the present day to make what they can of it—whether in the shape of a sing or of a sermon.

Marriage among the ancient Greeks was regulated by the laws in a more particular and familiar manner than we have any notion of. In Athens, the marrying age for men was thirty-five, and for women twenty; and this was pretty nearly the rule in the other States of that like-speaking family. Everything considered, it is not to be wondered at that those Greeks were paragons of men, able to shook the glittering Medians," one against ten—athletic models also of human symmetry, whence their sculpture became immortal and inimitable. In that physical respect, Mr. LECKY himself must allow that our "morals" do not show any improvement on those of the Pagan Hellenes. Among the wedding ceremonies of many nations alluded to in this book, there is frequent mention of the torch used to carry off a bride; used, of course, more in show than anything else, but evidently indicating some old foregone conclusions. In some cases, however, the bride shows light very resolutely, in the "Virginia Dare" style, and leaves the marks of her "ten commandments," as she would probably term it, on the visage of her enemy. The Bedouin girls of Mount Sinai give a great deal of trouble.

"The young maid comes home in the evening with the cattle. At a short distance from the camp she is met by the future spouse and a couple of his young friends, and carried by force to her father's tent. If she entertains any suspicion of their design, she defends herself with stones, and often inflicts wounds on the young men; even though she does not dislike the lover, for, according to custom, the more she struggles, bites, kicks, cries, and shrieks, the more she is applauded ever after by her own companions. She is then taken to her father's tent, where a man's cloak is thrown over her, and the name of her future husband is formally announced. After this she is dressed in suitable apparel, and mounted on a camel, although still continuing to struggle in a most scarcely manner, and held by the bridegroom's friends on both sides. She is led in this way to, and three times round, and finally into the bridegroom's tent, still resisting. Several sheep are killed, and the guests eat the meat, and also breed, which is a most important part of the feast. Presents are made to the bride."

Of all people in the world, the Hindoos seem to make the most of their marriage, going through a variety of wearisome ceremonies that last for days together, beginning with three shower baths for the bride, and ending with a jar of melted butter poured over her head and shoulders. Among other Indian races, marriage is an observance requiring great endurance, and dexterity on the part of the bride. Our author says:

"CLARKE, writing of Khuddiam, in 1824, says: 'On one occasion I heard loud cries proceeding from a village closely by; hastening thither, I rode to the spot, and there I saw a man bearing away upon his back something enveloped in an simple covering of scarlet cloth; he was surrounded by twenty or thirty young fellows, and by them protected from the desperate attacks made upon him by a party of young women. On seeking an explanation of this novel scene, I was told that the man had just been married, and his precious burden was his bleeding bride, whom he was conveying to his own village. Her youthful friends—as it appeared, by the number—were seeking to regain possession of her, and hurled stones and bamboos at the head of the devoted bridegroom, until he reached the confines of his own village. Then the tables were turned, and the bride was fairly won; and off her young friends scampered, screaming and laughing, but not relaxing their speed till they reached their own village.' Among the Khonds intermarriage between persons of the same tribe is considered incestuous, and is punishable by death."

The Jewish creed and custom in this last important respect, were very different from those of the Khonds—showing what little force there is in any argument of intuition on any question of human morals.

In the *Institutes of Menu*, marriage by capture is mentioned as one of the forms used, especially among the Sudras, or lower orders. In this a strong man and the bridegroom draw the bride and force her to sit down on the side of a sod, or—which term, "side of a red ox," has another sort of meaning, third misinterpreted, from the archaic model of speech which the people will not give up. This ceremony of seizure is called *Rakshasa*; and it is a noteworthy thing that *Rakshasa* is the name given to those evil-minded Ogresses, the sisters of Ravan, King of Lanka, who wickedly pursued him to take and run away with Sita, or Seeta, the beautiful wife of Rama of Oude. Thus revenge potentate acts accordingly, and holds the princess in his City of Lanka for some time, till Rama and his allies, bring a vast army to the rescue, fight battles, take the place and release her. This myth is the origin of the War of Troy, which is also a myth, beyond gainsaying; and it is one of the notable facts in this connection, not hitherto noted, that *Seeta* and *Helen* have the same meaning, that is, *Modesty*—the last being, incredibly enough, the well-known Celtic word *Collem*. It is not so well known that *Seeta* is also a Celtic word, with the very same meaning. That word *Rakshasa* has no doubt, the meaning of *ravisher*—a word that sounds amazingly like it in English, and is probably derived from it.

Among the German rites of marriage were the *Morgengabe* and the *Morganatic* fashion of wedding. Our author, along with everybody else, explains it as meaning "Morning Gift." But this is too fine and fanciful for simple antiquity. *Morgan* and *Morrow*, in the old Celtic or Gothic, meant *Maiden*; *Merch* in Breton. "Maiden Gift" reads just as well as "Morning Gift." As for the *Morganatic* marriage, it may be explained in the same way. There is another curious kind of consideration. *Morgan* was an old name for the Franks, as may be seen in some of the Arab histories of the Middle Ages. That marriage might have meant the "Morgan fashion." Either of these may probably be considered "a good Morgan enough." The reader ought merry will remember how CHILPERIC acquired his wife—"by the sou and the denier"—to use his own words—meaning that he bought her. One author says:

"From very early times money was offered to the bride, or distributed as weddings, in France. When CLOVIS was married to the Princess CLOTILDE, he offered by his proxy a sou and a denier, which was the usual marriage offering in France; and to this day money is given on to the bride, varying in value according to the rank of the parties. At the marriage of the present French Emperor money was presented to the bride, in the times betwixting coins were struck for the occasion. An example of such a coin was exhibited to the Archæological Society in 1810. It was a small silver penny, inscribed, *Donire de foy Pour Prouver*, having on one side a heart between two hands, and on the other two *fleurs-de-lis*. Camden says that among the Gauls the bridegroom received a portion in money with his wife, for which he made a suitable settlement of his goods."

As the Franks were Germans, it is not improbable that this affair of "the sou and the denier" was the original *Morganatic*, or "Maiden Gift," which, being the more simple explanation, we are inclined to prefer to the other *Morgan*, that is, *Frank*. The *morning* notion is too pretty to be tenable.

The gold and silver weddings that have become the fashion in this country have come over to us from Germany.

"In the seventeenth century it was common in some parts of Germany, as well as in Holland and France, to distribute at the weddings of the upper classes medals on which were various devices. Probably this kind of memorial originally came from the very ancient and wide-spread custom of giving earnest money to the bride. A specimen exhibited to the Archæological Society in 1856, aptly illustrated the popular notion as to the portion of labor assigned to either sex. A man and a woman clad in primitive costume, and linked together by the arms and legs, supported between them the trifle—a mere bit of burning hearth, while a third dancer on a lute fiddles. The man held a spade of mediæval shape, and the woman a distaff and spindle.

More commonly the nuptial medals were given to friends at the celebration of the silver and the golden wedding. If the parties had married twenty-five years it commemorated their marriage with all the external forms, galaxies and amusements which had been observed at their first marriage; and this revival was called the silver wedding. If the parties had lived married fifty years, they celebrated their golden wedding in a similar way, and called this their golden wedding. Sometimes the pair were presented with a silver gift on their silver wedding day."

In this book we are reminded that up to the year 681 A. D. all Christian clergymen were allowed to marry. After that time, however, bishops were not chosen from the married clergy. In this marriage of priests was entirely forbidden, and the present Catholic rule began. But the priests in many countries still persisted in marrying, especially in the extreme West, where the Irish clergy were very disobedient. Their wives continued to have wives and families till the Popes and the FLAGELLANTS brought the serious heretics to order in the twelfth century.

Even in our day that old Iberian tendency lingers in Spanish-speaking Americans. In the barbarous times of the Middle Ages marriages were sources of great controversy and fighting. Kings made themselves guardians of the heiresses of the great fief-holders, and disposed of their wards to their adherents and barons. The barons in turn disposed of the female wards in their own households. The poor ladies were terribly deserted and harassed among them all, and the course of true love met a good deal among rapids and cataracts. The ladies themselves very often went too, and the gallants ran after them. Our historic novelists have made but a poor use of the material—at times—of this romantic Age, from which my sweet of the picturesque pile of a love romance could be gathered. None of them has made use of the curious characteristic, except SCOTT, who has story it with reference to the ladies of Coeur, one of whom, being a ward of the Duke of Burgundy, runs away to avoid marrying the baron's suitor.

With respect to the archæology of the ring, our author says:

"The Christian Church doubtless adopted the wedding ring from the pagans of Italy, as a most ancient sign of marriage; and it appears to be clear, that the ring was then used by Christians before marriage came to be regarded as a religious institution. Long after the Christian religion was adopted by the Romans, marriage was considered to be a mere civil contract, which was entered into without any ceremony. After the custom of keeping dinner at the betrothal and the marriage in many civil rites decayed, the betrothal ring was still retained, and it was the custom of the engagement ring, but it was not always used for the final ceremony. In ancient days the ring appears to have been put upon the bride's right hand. Then, according to the Sarum Missal, the officiating priest was to receive the ring from the priest with the three principal fingers of his right hand, and then, holding the right hand of the bride with his own hand, he was to say, 'With this ring I thee wed.' He was then to place the ring on her right hand thumb, and say, 'In the name of the Father,' then on the third finger, and say, 'and Holy Ghost,' and finally on the fourth finger and say 'Amen,' where it was to remain. As ancient Pontifical ordered the bridegroom to place the ring successively on three fingers of the right and then to leave it on the fourth finger of the left hand."

The following describes the pretty custom of the "gimmal ring":

"One of the earliest and prettiest forms of betrothing rings was the gimmal or gemmal ring, which is said to have been in use among the Anglo-Saxons, and also to have been derived from the French. Probably it was at first a mere love token, but at length it was converted into a ring of serious alliance. It was, as its name imports, a twin or double ring, being composed of two or more interlaced links, which turned upon a pivot or hinge. These several links could be shut up into one solid ring. Each hoop had one of its sides flat, and the other convex; when the two outsides were brought together the links formed one ring. Sometimes each of the hoops had upon them a hand issuing from a sleeve, and when they were united they formed a *fede*, or clasped hands. Sometimes a heart was represented upon the hands, the whole device suggesting love, fidelity, and union. Frequently mottoes or posies were engraven on the flat or inner side of the ring."

It was the ancient fashion of betrothals in England that the man and woman should put a ringer into each of the two rings forming the gimmal, and then take, each, one of these rings and wear it till the time of marriage. The Quakers would not use a ring in this way or any other, saying it was a pagan symbolism; nor do they use it at present. But the motto on the innocent ring near well be that of the British "Garter"—*Honi soit qui mal y pense*. It is very reasonable thing that, in all Christendom, they was said to be an unlucky month for marriage. The reason for this was, probably, that it was the chief month for the celebration of the Bacchanalian pagans, and that, from the change to the Gregorian, that month of Mars meant the "Women's Month." The Church did not like the ancient tradition and tried to destroy it. Its gossy parts of Europe nevertheless married on Friday were also said to be unlucky; the reason being that this was the day of the goddess Freya, who was, in pagan days, the patroness of all who made love to one another. Most things consecrated by the Church were originally sacrament. Bathan was one of the very oldest names for God. In times gone by a wedding was a most dreadful piece of business for those principally engaged in it—a period of trial and tribulation of gross merriment.

"BRAND says there was formerly a custom in the north of England, for the young men present at a wedding to strip immediately after the ceremony, who could first pluck off the bride's garters from her legs. This was done before the very altar. The bride was generally gartered with ribands for the occasion. Whoever were so fortunate as to be victor in this singular species of amusement, exhibited the bride was often obliged to contain out, and was very frequently thrown down, bore down about the church in triumph. Sometimes, to prevent an indecent assault, the bride gave garters out of her bosom, or allowed them to remain unfixed and hanging loosely."

BRAND mentions that brides were in the habit of carrying knives in sheaths in their girdles. Sir WALTER SCOTT makes Lucy Ashton, in the "Bride of Lammermoor," borrow her brother's knife for the act she meditated, when he might have given her the weapon as part of her own bridal dress. Among the festivities at weddings were the "round dances," in which all the young people joined. They danced after dinner, and after supper, and then danced the bride into her apartment—after which they danced more terribly than ever, in what they called the "cushion dance," which evidently meant "couching dance," round the bed of the wretched bride, who no doubt heartily wished them all at—the outside of the door. Our author, in his last chapter, gives a number of old sayings regarding marriage and the sons that were considered lucky or unlucky, respecting it. We were expecting to find the funny old legend of the "Well of St. Keyne," so pleasantly rendered in metre by SOUTHEY. It is a weary traveller who comes to the well and hears from some one sitting beside it, how the water of that spring can give the "mastery" to the husband who shall drink of it, after marriage:

"'But if the wife shall drink of it first,
Of the husband then
The traveler stopped to the Well of St. Keyne,
And drank of the water again.'"

These two last lines are the best, in the way of comedy, that the unlively poet laureate has left us. The old man at the well goes on to explain how it was with himself in this matter. When his wedding was done, he ran as fast as he could to the spring. But the wife was too sharp for him; "she had carried a bottle to church."

The following are mentioned as some of the superstitions regarding marriage:

"In the middle ages it was thought that the union would not be happy if the bridal party in going to church met a monk, friar, hare, or cat, heard an earpoint, while sal would go well if a wolf, sylder or toad were encountered.

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figures by the black mass, and remained in the village more than an hour, with, while we were loading in the green field.

At the end of the hour, which we thought interminable, the order sounded, and we set at a gallop, bent over their saddle-bows till their noses were between their horse's ears. Two of them stopped near General Douay, who was talking with him, and the other went on again. Still we waited; until suddenly the beats of all the regiments began to play; drums and trumpets all together; and that immense line, whose extension from the rear of St. Amand to the forest, swung round, with the right wing in the advance. As it reached beyond our division in the rear, we advanced our lines still more obliquely, and again the order came, Halt! The dust rushing out of Fleurus was opposite us, a blank wall on the left; behind which were trees and a large house, and in front a windmill, of red brick; like a tower.

We had fairly halted, when the Emperor came out of this mill with three or four Generals and two old peasants in blouses, holding their cotton caps in their hands. The whole division commenced to shout, "*Vive l'Empereur!*"

I saw him plainly as he came down a path in front of the battalion, with his head bent down and his hands behind his back listening to the old bald peasant. He took no notice of the shouts, but turned round twice and pointed toward Lignyl. I saw him so plainly and could see Father Goulden when we sat opposite each other at table. He had grown much thinner than when he was at Lalande, and looked yellow. If it had not been for his gray coat and his hat, I should hardly have recognized him. His cheeks were sunken, and he looked much older. All this cannot be imputed to the fatigue of the day, and in thinking of the mistakes he had made; for he was a wise man, and could see his own faults." [illegible]

This book has half a dozen illustrations, very French and very graphic, and quite in the style of the narrative itself.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The Expense of Killing Indians.

CAMP ON REPUBLICAN RIVER, Kansas, Thursday, July 1, 1869.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

A "Milton Topic" in the Times of the 19th of June makes quite a just complaint at the expense of killing Indians. Does it not strike you that it would be a proper object for the Government to make it equally expensive for the Indians when they kill white men, instead of making said killing a Summer amusement for those sportive young warriors? Near the point where I am now serving with two batteries of artillery, equipped and acting as cavalry owing to the lack of that arm, a bright boy, 12 years of age, was murdered a month ago on the prairie in sight of his home and in view of his family. The horse he was riding he abandoned when he saw the Indians, but not content with the prize they pursued the poor child and blew out his brains with their revolvers. Here is a cold-blooded murder, not only distracting a family with grief, but depriving them of that help which is so valuable in the sparsely settled border. The tribes of the Indians are known; nevertheless, they return to their country to receive the congratulations of their brethren on their exploit and plunder. The Quaker agent will doubtless tell them they have done wrong, and prove it to them out of the Testament, but there is the end of the affair. I only cite this one instance, which is equaled in atrocity by about thirty others, which have taken place within a day's march of this camp. In one instance, however, the braves were inclined to be quite honorable. They offered an old gentleman named Warren a pony in exchange for his only daughter, reported to have been quite a beautiful girl. The father naturally was not pulled with the proposed bargain, so they filled him and carried off his daughter without paying any thing. Why should not these desolate people demand from the Government the seizure of the murderers of their families, or in default heavy damages, to say $20,000 from each account which the tribe chattering the criminals should be mulcted to make up? Or, Government to be better, march into their country, seize an equal number of "big Injins" and hang them? By what reasoning should a band of red ruffians be permitted to murder and rob peaceful citizens, women in their fields, while a gang of white ruffians, committing a similar outrage, would be hunted to the ends of the earth? Many of the settlers on this frontier have plowed and sown for three successive years, and have been driven away every Summer, unable to gather the crops they have toiled so hard for. They are losing faith in the justice of their Government, and are becoming very bitter in their feelings toward the Government.

CARBINE.

Army and Navy of the Gulf.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

In the published proceedings of the reunion of the Nineteenth Army Corps, it will be perceived that throughout the entire official proceedings the names of Generals BUTLER and BANKS were never mentioned.

In the very detailed speeches, made by some fifteen speakers, most of whom spoke from carefully-prepared notes, and up to the moment when several of the "officials" clamorously moved "that we do now adjourn," the two commanders who had charge of the army throughout the whole war were left without the slightest allusion. To whom are these gentlemen indebted for this play of "Hamlet" with Hamlet left out? General ERGOT's address, that gave the details of all the military operations by the army in the Department of the Gulf up to Lee's surrender, never alluded to the Commanders-in-Chief, though giving in nine columns detailed sketches of the humblest officers. To save the organization from a transport of indescribable etiquette, General GRANT, present, by persistent effort obtained the floor, and alluded in complimentary language to General BANKS as the originator of the Army of the Gulf, and in general phraseology to General BUTLER as the glory of capturing and possessing New-Orleans. This was received with decided enthusiasm. If these army reunions are to be useful they must be conducted with more liberal spirit. We are assured that if Admiral FARRAGUT had been at Boston on the occasion, General BANKS would have received at his hands that justice his eminent services entitled him to.

NEW-YORK, Saturday, July 10, 1869.

Poisoned Socks—A Strange Disease.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

In your issue of to-day, under the heading of "A Strange Disease," you call attention to a case of poisoning brought about by wearing what you describe as French socks.

Last Summer, on the eve of leaving England for the United States, I purchased a dozen pair of silk socks which were dyed in bright red, blue, green and other colored stripes. In July I commenced wearing these socks in New-York, and in a few days found my feet swelled and covered with pimples, which were charged with a noticeable fluid. I suffered the most excruciating agony, and was driven almost crazy from intense itching feeling. I called in the services of a medical gentleman who failed to afford me relief or account for the cause of the attack, although he saw me continue to wear the socks. During three months I was confined almost constantly to the house, and cast the entire skin of my feet several times. In the end I suspected that the bright aniline dyes used in coloring the socks contained some active poisonous principle.

Since then I find that exposures of similar cases have been given in England by physicians who had patients suffering from similar attacks to my own, and in consequence of these exposures large contracts for such socks had been cancelled.

It is highly probable that as these socks are no longer salable in England they may have been consigned to the States in large quantities, and if so the public should be warned as early and publicly as possible.

F. L. P. W.

The Late Soldiers' Home at Albany—Information Wanted.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

Will some of your correspondents, better posted than I am, answer the following questions: 1. What was the cause of the State Soldiers' Home, at Albany, being abolished? 2. How many disabled soldiers were inmates of it at the time of its abolishment? 3. How many of its inmates were sent to the National Asylum? 4. To what Homes were they sent? 5. Were the inmates exclusively New-York State soldiers? 6. If not, in what proportion were the New-York soldiers to the other States? 7. How many with but one arm? 8. How many with one leg? 9. How many disabled by other wounds? 10. How many with pulmonary affections? Answers to all or any of these questions would oblige

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NEW-YORK, Saturday, July 10, 1869.

Mistake in Names and Men.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

In the statement of the matter of the arrest of EDWARD HEINRICH, charged with having some of the bonds alleged to be stolen from the Park (Avenue Bank) of Brooklyn, in his possession, your paper through a mistake in the Christian name of Mr. ROSS, the party arrested at the same time, with the name in the office of my brother, EDWARD ROSS, Jr., of Nos. 32 and 34 John-street, has been in Europe for some time past on a visit, and that neither he nor myself, directly or indirectly, had any connection with said matter, and I wish this statement to appear in your paper, as prominently as the announcement in which the mistake occurred.

JOHN ROSS,

NEW-YORK, July, 1869. No. 32 Eighth-avenue.

ILLINOIS.

Condition of the Crops—Discouraging Prospects—Destructive Work of the Frosts—The Quarrels of the Politicians—The Cullom Commissioners.

CHICAGO, Saturday, July 3, 1869.

Since I wrote from Springfield, last week, giving an account of a trip of some 300 miles through the agricultural regions of this State, I have canvassed another 300 miles. The crop prospects have not materially changed. Corn is in danger and the chances are against its coming to maturity. Yet, with moist ground and hot weather, it may put it upon its feet. In many instances it has gone a foot up with, but the weeds are so luxuriant that they threaten to choke the corn—the ground being too wet to use the cultivator to any advantage. Wheat, too, is threatened, and the farmers are looking unusually blue over the prospects of the coming harvest. Of course the contentment on "Change" talks advantage of the varying aspects of the weather to put prices up or down as their interests may dictate.

DAMAGE BY THE FLOOD.

The "flood," so unusual at the season of the year, has done heavy damage in various localities. It has been most disastrous in the central portion of the state, having inundated towns, carried off bridges, torn up railroad tracks, and greatly damaged the growing crops. Most of the streams have overflown their banks, and the Illinois has been on a regular Spring rampage. We have had two rainy days out of three in July, and the prospects are good for showers before the close of the present twenty-four hours.

POLITICAL.

There is not much that is exciting in politics, except the rather bitter quarrel between the two wings of the Republican Party—the "Ring" which controls the dispensation of offices, and the would-be Ring which would gladly transfer this prerogative to their own hands. The Republicans and the Temperance Party of McLean County have made their nominations for the November election, and other counties are preparing to do so. We elect no members of the Legislature, but delegates to the Constitutional Convention instead. The women suffrage people are working hard to get their principles into the Convention, and the Temperance Party will vigorously contest the selection of delegates on prohibitory grounds. The workingmen, too, mean to do something, or, on the whole, we anticipate something of a lively time.

EDUCATIONAL.

This has been Commencement week here and hereabouts. The Chicago University graduated fourteen from the Collegiate Department, nineteen from the Law, and three from the Theological. This was its tenth anniversary, and for a young institution, struggling with many difficulties, it may be said to be an encouraging condition. It has been built up mainly through the indefatigable efforts of Dr. BURNOUGHS, the President and originator. But it is to be regretted that the great Clark Telescope, from which so much was expected, has proved a failure, so far as any practical purposes are concerned. This is doubtless due, owing wholly to mismanagement, as 6700 has Graduating Class have not, during their four years' course, been permitted to the "it, or so much as to cast a glance through it even.

The Northwestern University, at Evanston, has just closed a successful year. This institution has a large endowment; but, as is too often the case, it interferes with the enterprise and efficiency. Having an adequate support from its endowments, the Faculty make too little exertion to attract and retain students, and the consequence is the roll of its Alumni is not very long.

The new Theological Seminary of the Baptists, was dedicated on Thursday with appropriate ceremonies. This makes the fourth institution of the kind in Chicago, the Methodists, Old School Presbyterians and the Congregationalists having one.

RELIGIOUS.

The controversy between the High and Low Church parties in the Episcopal Church is still going forward. Rev. C. E. CHENEY, pastor of Christ Church, has been cited by Bishop WHITEHOUSE to prepare for trial on a charge of violating the canons of the Church, by omitting that part of the ritual which relates to Baptismal regeneration.

The result of the union between the Old and New School Presbyterians has been to discontinue the publication of the *Northwestern Presbyterian*, which was so violently opposed thereto. The New would have nothing to do with it. It is probable, however, that the denomination will soon have an organ, as a company was incorporated last Winter to publish a paper of the New School persuasion.

The Baptists have a larger membership than any other denomination in the city—the First and Second Churches having over a thousand.

STATE PENITENTIARY.

There are now about twelve hundred inmates of the State Penitentiary, and the chaplain told me, while one-half of them were soldiers of this late war. There is quite a commotion just now among the management of this institution. For about fifty years the State leased the institution to E. A. BUCKMASTER and others, who made money out of it, as they had all they could make from the labor of the prisoners, and continued to hold a good round balance against the State at the close of each year. The government of the prison was brutal and heartless in the extreme, and every way calculated to make rather than reform criminals. While it was so leased one time, the city which abounds with counterfeit coin, the guards having procured the material to be worked up by expert counterfeiters confined there, and it was so good an imitation of the genuine that they, the guards, "pushed" large amounts of it. Some two years and a half ago control of the prison was resumed by the State, and its management placed in the hands of three Commissioners. Ever since the old Ring have been endeavoring to bring the new arrangement into disrepute and disfavor. A new Warden was recently appointed, who has attempted to govern the prison on humanitarian principles, and, perhaps, has relaxed disciplined too much; and so there has been cotton up a regular "hue and cry" against the Warden and the Commissioners. But Governor PALMER has personally made an investigation which has shown that the principal charges are false.

VARIOUS THINGS.

The great Craig-Sprague breach of promise case has been disposed of. The plaintiff consented to have the verdict cut down to $20,000 and costs, and the Court refused a new trial. The Sheriff of Cook County has received orders to make the $50,000 out of the Adams House and the "Sprague Block," in this city, owned by defendant. Mssrs. PAR COTTER & JOHN have just opened in this city a Northwestern branch of the National Temperance Publication House, of New-York. Some such influence is much needed here, with our 2,000 saloons. Real estate moves slowly, and prices have a downward look. Rents are lower than they were last May, and there are empty houses in all parts of the city. We had only a dozen bloody affrays in this city last month, so far as reported at Police Headquarters.

HEAVY FAILURE IN PAWTUCKET.—The limited partnership formed about a year ago, and which has since been doing business as the "Pawtucket Flour Mills," has unexpectedly terminated in the failure of the sole general partner. The failure involves the loss of the greater portion of the entire capital of $75,000. Current rumors to this effect, which have been in circulation for a week, have ripened into established facts. The sole general partner has made an assignment of all his property, including his dwelling-house, and lot, in favor of the special partners, who are the principal losers. The partner implicated in the irregular transactions of the Company was arrested on Wednesday last, on a complaint charging embezzlement, and in default of bail in the sum of $25,000, was committed to jail to await an examination before the proper tribunal, which has taken the case under advisement, and will, in all probability, be ready for a decision on the matter on Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock. The affair caused considerable stir in Pawtucket. [illegible]

MISSISSIPPI.

The Radical Republican State Convention—Its Platform.

The platform of principles adopted by the Radical Republicans of Mississippi at their State Convention in Jackson, on the 1st inst., is in full as follows:

The Republicans of Mississippi, in convention assembled, in a spirit of unity and peace toward their opponents and of justice to themselves, make the following declaration of principles and policy:

Unflinching devotion to the Union, first, last and forever.

Faith in and fidelity to the principles, objects and aims of the great National Republican Party, with which and with the Fourth National Congress we are in full accord and sympathy.

A fair, impartial, just and economical administration of the Government, National and State.

Full and unrestricted right of speech to all men at all times and all places, within the state, equal rights and unrestrained freedom of the ballot, including protection to citizens in the exercise of the suffrage.

A system of free schools which shall place the means of liberal education within the reach of every child in the State.

Equal rights and equal duties and unequal taxation upon the accumulations, demanding against laborers and labor, have borne so unjustly and unequally upon the people.

That all men, without regard to race, color or previous condition, are equal before the law, and that to secure to each man his own all the civil and political rights of a citizen, are not only enjoining truths, but the manifest and paramount doctrines of the Republican Party.

The Convention recognizes the two great national parties, first under the administration of the one the material and industrial resources of the country will languish, while under the liberal and fostering care of the National Republican Party, commercial, mechanical and industrial improvements by the General Government will surely bless the people of Mississippi with peace, and and climate intend they should be rich, prosperous and contented.

Recognizing as peculiarly Administration and Republican the sentiment, that the true basis of government is the "consent of the governed," which in a Republic is expressed through the ballot-box, we, in the language of the Chicago platform, favor the removal of the disqualifications and penalties of lawful participation in the rebellion, as the same measure as the spirit of disloyalty may die out, and as may be consistent with the safety of the loyal people, "and we shall hail with unalloyed delight the day when the spirit of toleration now dawning upon our State shall be so fully translated into action as to warrant Congress and the nation in declaring disabilities and restrictions forever at an end," when there shall be no citizen of Mississippi clamoring for his rights.

That the present muddled condition of public sentiment in this State, renders it wise and expedient that the Republican Party should enforce the opportunity which is to be presented in the approaching election, of ratifying the new Constitution, by adopting an amendment to each General provisions thereof, so to conform to the Constitution of the United States and the enforcement laws, and that as Mississippi shall be fully reconstructed, according to the true intent of the laws, all disabilities imposed upon the late rebels should be entirely removed.

The platform then proceeds to declare by this State of article 15, as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, at the earliest practicable opportunity.

We declare for universal amnesty and universal suffrage. The published split of the convention demonstrates that the Republican Party alone must be nominated with the ballot, and the page.

The languishing condition of our State, and its unfavorable surroundings and prohibitive soil, capable of sustaining and inviting a population, and the necessity of immigration, demand the necessity of reconstruction on a proper basis, but of the need of immigration. Business depressed for want of labor, immigration, not of laborers only, or favoring one section, or country, or people, or parties, or people, over another, but an equal of political rights, and in the same way will attract to our shores, citizens, capital, people, professions, politics and religious beliefs; any plan adopting short of this, or assuming to be a practical, earnest, cordial welcome to settlers of whatever race, color, locality, political or religious, will not succeed with success, because indicating the existence of bigotry and intolerance.

We recognize in General GRANT the chosen leader of our party and cause, as well as the representative man of the age. As Washington was in his time, so is GRANT in his, the first in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen. Through his election, peace, toleration and prosperity at last dawn upon Mississippi, and we long throughout these States, the old flag and the ancient principles, be and it represents, will fill the land with blessings.

The magic words, "Let us have peace," possess a power, and have a mission, which will embrace the whole world, and will cease only with time.

We indorse and adopt his language that "the question of suffrage is one which is likely to agitate the country so long as any class of citizens of the nation are excluded from its privileges," and in his own words, we "favor such amendment and laws as will effectually secure the civil and political rights of all persons," a consummation we devoutly desire at the earliest practicable moment, in the interest of justice to all.

We confide in and will sustain Major-General ADELBERT AMES, Military Commander and Governor of this State; we look to him as the representative of the President and of Congress, and regard him as able and firm in peace, as in war; an citizen and soldier, and admirable. For his order calling the year of a heavy burden, and the equal taxes, and for the order abolishing disfranchisement of voter for the jury, and for the manifest stability and independence displayed by him, the loyal people owe him a debt of gratitude which they will gladly pay at the end of his term of office to the principles he represents.

We look to Congress as the guardian of freedom and expressed, will of the nation. At whatever cost of obloquy or life, we shall in the future, as in the past, be faithful to the laws and policy of the National Legislature. A united nation and the principles of liberty are their existence to-day, in the firmness, patriotism and wisdom of a Republican Congress.

General AMES, Provisional Governor of the State, visited the Convention, and being introduced delivered the following pithy address:

Mr. President and gentlemen of the Convention, I have no speech to make. Suffice it to say, that you have my sympathies, and shall have my support.

THE ARRESTED COUNTERFEITERS.

Details of the Late Arrest of Counterfeiters and Bunco-men—Money and Tools Seized.

For some time past Colonel WHITLEY, chief of the detective force employed by the United States Treasury Department, has been aware that large quantities of counterfeit greenbacks and postage currency was being manufactured in this City and vicinity, and as the stuff was being quietly forked off into the hands of outside operators, the necessary steps were taken to make some arrests.

The detectives placed on the case succeeded in running down a portion of the gang who were engaged in manufacturing the counterfeits, and they at once notified their chief of the fact. Constant watch was kept upon these men, which was at length rewarded on Friday in doing them in somewhat easier than two men hailing from Missouri, who had also been followed from the West by other United States detectives, as they were well known as operators in Government "queer." The coincidence of action on the part of the detectives placed them on the qui vive, as it was evident that the birds were hovering, the trap already prepared for them. The precise nature of the subsequent movements of Colonel WHITLEY and his subordinates is not known, though it is understood that they succeeded in "piping" the suspected counterfeiters so closely that they caught two of them in communion with two others, as they were leaving Old Saturday afternoon they found these four men at the Moore House, in Moore-street, near the South Ferry, when they were all arrested. The Missourians gave their names as JOHN D. WILLIAMS and JOHN D. WOODS, and on the person of the latter was found a roll of fifty-cent postal currency, having a face value of $400. The other two men gave the names of BILL FIELD and J. BORNEMEY, and they are supposed to be members of a gang of counterfeits in this City. On the person of FIELD was found a counterfeit $5 bill and a poorly-executed twenty-five cent stamp. The four prisoners were duly secreted in Police Headquarters by Colonel WHITLEY and his subordinate, Detective CLARKSON. Search was then made by Detectives FARLEY, of the Central Office, for counterfeiters were duly placed under lock and key, and steps taken for the same man. To this end Colonel WHITLEY accompanied by Detective VANDER, of the Central Office, proceeded during Saturday afternoon to the Erie Hotel, Street of Robinson and West streets, where they discovered among the fifth confederate, but they were disappointed, as the man had disappeared. In the room occupied by him the detectives found a common trunk, evidently filled with weighty material, which they took possession of, believing, no doubt, that they had secured a number of counterfeit plates and other tools. The trunk was duly removed to Colonel WHITLEY's room, in the Post Office House, in Broadway, where the contents were examined in the presence of several reporters. The trunk proved to be the receptacle for a number of very complete set of burglars' tools of the heavier description, such as are only available in breaking into strong vaults and safes. The assortment of tools thus captured by the detectives comprised the following articles: Two large steel chisels, one dark lantern, several small steel a screw compling, and made of the best description of steel; one large steel screw, with a small hand screw, and a common Stroke-SLEDGE hammer. Two or three metal plates, engraved in the form, and a bottle of acid and ink ready for use, and a bottle of ink, ready written, prepared, as one detectives of "operating" in some adult that was expected to "come off all right." It is anticipated that more arrests and further developments will follow the events of yesterday.

Central Park Meteorological Report.

The following is the Central Park Meteorological Report for the week ending July 10, 1869:

Barometer—Mean, 30.095 inches; maximum, (at 2 P. M., July 6,) 30.276 inches; minimum, (at 9 A. M., July 8,) 29.799 inches; range, .476 inches. Thermometer—Mean, 73.57 degrees; maximum, (at 2 P. M., July 4,) 94.3 degrees; minimum, (at 5 A. M., July 5,) 61.3 degrees; range, 33.0 degrees. Rain—July 5, rain from 12:30 P. M. to 7:30 P. M.; amount, water, .62 inch; total amount of water for week, .62 inch.

MONETARY AFFAIRS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange—JULY 10, 1869.

FIRST BOARD—10½ A. M.

$1,000	U. S. 6s, '81, R.	117½	100	Reading	50½
$10,000	U. S. 6s, '81, C.	118½	100	Adams Express	62½
$1,000	U. S. 5-20s C., '64	112½	100	do.	62½
$1,000	U. S. 5-20 C., '65	119½	500	do.	62
$1,000	do.	119½	1,000	Wilkesbarre RR.	85
$1,000	do.	119½	100	do.	24½
$1,000	U. S. 5-20s C., '67	119½	100	do.	24½
$1,000	do.	119½	100	do.	24½
$6,000	do.	119½	100	do.	24½
$1,000	U. S. 5-20s C., '68, new	118½	50	A. M. U. Ex.	60½
$1,000	do.	117	10	do.	60
$1,000	do.	117½	145	U. S. Ex.	47
$1,000	U. S. 5-20 C., '67	117½	100	New-York Gas, cs	102½
$1,000	do.	117½	100	do.	102½
$2,000	do.	117½	200	do.	102½
$1,000	U. S. 5-20s C., '65	119½	200	do.	102½
$1,000	Tenn. State, new	61	300	Harlem R.	140½
$5,000	Tenn. 6s, 'Old	61	1,100	Erie, cs	19
$1,000	Va. 6s, cs. c.	54½	200	Clev. & Pitts. c.	86½
$1,000	U. S. 6s, new	45½	100	Mich. Central	127½
$2,000	do.	45½	50	do.	128
$1,000	do.	45	100	Lake S. & Mich. S.	92½
$1,000	Brook. City 6s	85	400	do.	92½
$1,000	Ala. N. H. & R.		100	do.	92½
	Jan. 1, '70, c.	85½	200	do.	92½
$1,000	Mo. St. 6s	87½	500	Chi. & N. W.	80½
$1,000	Mo. 6s, c.	87½	100	do.	80½
$1,000	N. Y. City 6s, '73	93	100	do.	80½
$1,000	N. Y. City 6s, '90	92	100	C. & N. W. Pf.	86
$1,000	do.	92	100	Chi. & R. I. R.	114½
	Bank Stocks.		50	do.	114½
100	Nat. Bk. of Com.	97½	50	do.	117
100	Tal. Nat.		50	do.	117
	N. Y. Central		75	C., C., Col. & I. R.	71
$1,000	Chi., R. I. & P.		200	Mil. & St. P.	71½
	do.	92½	200	Mil. & St. P. Pf.	84½
$1,000	do.	92½	100	do.	84½
$1,000	Chi. & N. W. 7s	84½	100	do.	84½
$1,000	do.	84½	100	Chi. & R. I.	114½
$1,000	do.	84½	100	do.	114½
$1,000	do.	84½	100	do.	114½
$1,000	do.	84½	100	Chi. & Mil.	87½
$1,000	do.	84½	100	do.	87½
$1,000	Chi. & N. W. S. F.	92	100	T., W. & W.	23½
	Hudson River	140	100	do.	23½
100	Mich. Cen.	127½	100	Morris & Essex	93½
100	N. Y. C. R.R.	106½	100	do.	93½
100	Hud. R. R.	105½	100	Chi. & St. Jos. pr.	12
50	Mich. Central	128	100	Ohio & Miss.	32½

SECOND BOARD—12 M.

$6,000	U. S. 6s, '81, R.	117½	$12,000	U. S. 5-20s C., '67	117½
$2,000	U. S. 5-20 C., '65	119½	1,000	do.	117½
	Gold	137½	1,000	do.	117½
$1,000	do.	137½	5,000	U. S. 10-40s C.	103½

SECOND BOARD—1 P. M.

$10,000	Tenn. 6s, new	62½	100	Lake S. & M. S.	92½
$10,000	do.	62½	100	do.	92½
$1,000	do.	62½	100	do.	92½
$1,000	do.	62½	100	do.	92½
$1,000	U. S. 6s, new	45½	100	Ill. Central	116½
$5,000	do.	45½	50	Chicago & Alton	140
$5,000	do.	45½	100	do.	140
$1,000	do.	45½	100	do.	140
$1,000	do.	45½	100	Chi. & R. I.	114½
$1,000	do.	45½	100	do.	114½
$1,000	do.	45½	100	do.	114½
$1,000	Tenn. Mich. S. F. N.	97	100	T., W. & W.	23½
	Hudson River	140	100	do.	23½
100	Mich. Cen.	128	100	Morris & Essex	93½
100	N. Y. C. R.R.	106½	100	Chi. & St. Jos. pr.	12
100	Hud. R. R.	105½	100	Ohio & Miss.	32½
50	Mich. Central	128	42	New Jersey Central	75

MONDAY, July 12—A. M.

The weekly averages of the Associated Local and National Banks in the Clearing-house of this City, for the week ending Saturday last, July 10, compare as follows with the previous week and with the corresponding week last year, to which we add the Specie and Currency balances in the New-York office of the United States Treasury at these dates, respectively:

Decrease in Loans	$1,648,[illegible]
Increase in Specie	5,746,[illegible]
Increase in other Legal Tenders	1,[illegible]
Increase in Deposits	8,267,[illegible]
Increase in Circulation	1,[illegible]

	July 11, '68.	July 10, '69.	July 3, '69.
National Capital	$[illegible]	$[illegible]	$[illegible]
Local Capital	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Total Capital	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Specie	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Gold and Gold Certificates	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Other Legal Tender	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Deposits	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Circulation	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
In the Treasury	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

The Bank Statement published to-day exhibits the following relative strength of the movement, in the point of lawful Money Security, to the previous statement. The Banks owed:

	July 3, '69.	July 10, '69.	July 11, '68.
On deposits	$[illegible]	$[illegible]	$[illegible]
Circulation	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Total	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
S P cent. reserve held	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

They held:

In Gold and Gold-Bank	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Excess	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ratio for Money	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

The Specie Movement for the week ending to-day, as compared with the previous week, is as follows:

January	$[illegible]	May	$[illegible]
February	[illegible]	*June	[illegible]
March	[illegible]	July 10	[illegible]
April	[illegible]	July 7	[illegible]
Total since Jan. 1	[illegible]		
Same time last year	[illegible]		
Decreased since Jan. 1	[illegible]		

*Unofficial.

The Currency value of the Exports of Domestic Produce and Miscellaneous Goods from New-York, since Jan. 1, 1869, is as follows:

January	$12,182,017	May	$16,076,[illegible]
February	10,634,[illegible]	*June	[illegible]
March	12,968,[illegible]	July 7	4,451,[illegible]
April	[illegible]		
Total since Jan. 1	[illegible]		
Same time last year	[illegible]		
Increase since Jan. 1	[illegible]		

Gold, July 10, 1869	[illegible]		135½ @ [illegible] cent.
Gold, July 10, 1868	[illegible]		141½ @ [illegible] cent.

*Unofficial.

The Exports of Gold and Silver of all descriptions from New-York, since Jan. 1, 1869, are as follows:

January	$8,314,[illegible]	May	$[illegible]
February	[illegible]	*June	[illegible]
March	[illegible]	July 10	[illegible]
April	[illegible]		
Total since Jan. 1	[illegible]		
Same time 1868	[illegible]		
Decreased since Jan. 1	[illegible]		

*Unofficial.

As heretofore notified we shall omit as from the first of July our usual table of Cotton and statistics of Gold and Silver, as the business and transactions in the returns of the great bulk of the exports of the precious metals from the Pacific States and Territories to New-York has been changed by the opening of the Pacific Railroads. Of these receipts we have no reliable record.

The following are the Customs Receipts in Gold, and the Interest paid on the Public Debt in Gold, at the New-York office of the United States Treasury since Jan. 1, 1869:

Customs received.		Gold interest paid.	
January	[illegible]	January	[illegible]
February	[illegible]	February	[illegible]
March	[illegible]	March	[illegible]
April	[illegible]	April	[illegible]
May	[illegible]	May	[illegible]
June	[illegible]	June	[illegible]
July 1	[illegible]	July 1	[illegible]
July 10	[illegible]	July 10	[illegible]
Total	[illegible]	Total	[illegible]
Total 1868	[illegible]	Total 1868	[illegible]

COURSE OF THE STOCK EXCHANGE FOR THE WEEK.

	July 11, '68.	July 10, '69.
Amer. Gold Coin	[illegible]	[illegible]
Old U. S. 5s, 1881	[illegible]	[illegible]
Consolidated 6 Cs	[illegible]	[illegible]
U. S. 6 (P cents) 10-40s	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cumberland Coal	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rock Island	[illegible]	[illegible]
Michigan Southern	[illegible] with div.	[illegible]
Hudson River	[illegible]	[illegible]
Reading	[illegible] with div.	[illegible]
Fort Wayne and Chicago	[illegible] with div.	[illegible]
Cleveland and Pittsburg	[illegible] with div.	[illegible]
Reading	[illegible] with div.	[illegible]
Northwestern Pref.	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ohio and Mississippi	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pacific Mail	[illegible]	[illegible]
St. Paul Preferred	[illegible]	[illegible]
St. Paul Common	[illegible]	[illegible]
Toledo and Wabash	[illegible]	[illegible]

In the Afternoon, in the Long Room and on the Sidewalk in front of the Exchange, the following quotations were made as compared with Friday night:

	Friday.	Saturday.
United States 10-40s	[illegible]	[illegible]
United States 5-20s of 1864	[illegible]	[illegible]
United States 5-20s of 1867	[illegible]	[illegible]
American Gold Coin	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bills on London, 60 days	[illegible]	[illegible]
New Bonds of Tennessee	[illegible]	[illegible]
Virginia Bonds, old	[illegible]	[illegible]
Missouri Bonds	[illegible]	[illegible]
North Carolina Bonds, new	[illegible]	[illegible]
Louisiana Loves 4s	[illegible]	[illegible]
New-York Central	[illegible]	[illegible]
Reading Railway	[illegible]	[illegible]
Chicago and Rock Island	[illegible]	[illegible]
Northwest Common	[illegible]	[illegible]
Northwest Preferred	[illegible]	[illegible]
Michigan Southern	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pittsburg and Fort Wayne	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cleveland and Pittsburg	[illegible]	[illegible]
Pacific Mail Company	[illegible]	[illegible]
St. Paul Preferred	[illegible]	[illegible]
St. Paul Common	[illegible]	[illegible]
Toledo and Wabash	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ohio and Mississippi	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hudson River	[illegible]	[illegible]

*Ex Dividend.

The following bids were made for the various Public Funds of the United States at the close of business:

6 P cent. reg., 1881	[illegible]	5-20 coup., 1865	[illegible]
6 P cent. coup., 1881	[illegible]	5-20 coup., 1867	[illegible]
5-20 coup., 1862	[illegible]	5-20 coup., 1868	[illegible]
5-20 coup., 1864	[illegible]	10-40 coup.	[illegible]
5-20 coup., 1865	[illegible]	6 P cent. currency	[illegible]

And the following for the State Bonds:

Ohio 5 P c., 1868	[illegible]	Missouri 6s	[illegible]
Ill. Canal bonds, '76	[illegible]	Mich. S. & N. I. 6s, 1878	[illegible]
Ill. coup. 6s	[illegible]	Louisiana 6s, levee bds	[illegible]
Ill. 6s, 1879	[illegible]	Louisiana 6s, levee bds	[illegible]
Ill. 6s, 1880	[illegible]	Louisiana 6s	[illegible]
Indiana 5 P c.	[illegible]	Alabama 5s	[illegible]
Michigan 5 P ct., '72	[illegible]	N. Y. Reg. 6 P Cent.	[illegible]
Michigan 6 P ct., '79	[illegible]	N. Y. Comm. 6 P Cent.	[illegible]
Michigan 6 P ct., '90	[illegible]	N. Y. Comm. Pr. Loan	[illegible]
Tenn. 6s, cs coup.	[illegible]	N. Y. 6 P c. Canal, '72	[illegible]
Tenn. 6s, New Bonds	[illegible]	N. Y. 6 P c. Canal, '75	[illegible]
Virginia 6s, cs coup.	[illegible]	N. Y. 6 P c. Canal, '76	[illegible]
Virginia 6s, new bds	[illegible]	N. Y. 6 P c. Canal, '77	[illegible]
Georgia 6s	[illegible]	N. Y. 6 P c. Canal, '77	[illegible]
Georgia 7s, new bds	[illegible]	N. Y. 6 P c. Canal, '78	[illegible]
North Carolina 6s	[illegible]	N. Y. 6 P c. Canal, '79	[illegible]
North Carolina 6s, new	[illegible]		

And the following for the City Bank Stocks:

New-York	[illegible]	Shoe and Leather	[illegible]
Manhattan	[illegible]	Corn Exchange	[illegible]

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NEW-YORK, MONDAY, JULY 12, 1869.

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WALLACK'S THEATRE.
Broadway, corner 13th-st.
DORA and BLACK-EYED SUSAN. Principal characters by Mr. T. W. Robinson and Miss Price.

BOOTH'S THEATRE.
23d-st., corner 6th-av.
ENOCH ARDEN. Leading characters by Mr. Edwin Adams and Miss Blanche De Bar.

NIBLO'S GARDEN.
Broadway, between Prince and Houston sts.
SINBAD THE SAILOR. Leading characters by Miss Lydia Thompson and Mr. Rockett.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.
Broadway, between Houston and Bleecker sts.
HIGGGEY, HIGGGEY DOCK. Leading characters by Mr. Geo. L. Fox, Mr. F. Lacy and Mlle. Laurent.

WOOD'S MUSEUM AND THEATRE.
Broadway, corner of 30th-st.
RAG PICKER OF PARIS and CORSICAN BROTHERS.

BOWERY THEATRE.
Bowery, near Canal-st.
DUMB MAN OF MANCHESTER and SUDDEN THOUGHTS. Leading character by Mr. B. Fateman.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

EUROPE.

On Friday last the French Ministers placed their portfolios in the hands of the Emperor. NAPOLEON expressed his willingness to sacrifice personal legislative power, but would not yield a question of dignity to any pressure. The Council of Ministers and the Privy Council recently held frequent meetings at the summons of the Emperor to deliberate upon the interpellation for political reforms. A satisfactory programme was finally adopted. The *Patrie* asserts that the Emperor has yielded to the Corps Legislatif, and that the latter will, therefore, realize the projected reforms.

The London *Times* of Saturday discussed the French question. It declares that another political dispensation is at hand, and that if the Corps Legislatif is firm it will gain the powers which the minority have demanded and the majority desire.

HERRERA, who was appointed Minister of Justice for Spain only a few days ago, has resigned, and his resignation has been accepted.

Political agitation prevails in Lisbon.

The yacht *Dauntless* arrived at Queenstown at 2:30 P. M. yesterday. She made the passage in twelve days seventeen hours six minutes and twelve seconds.

GENERAL.

Havana news to Saturday sets forth that a quantity of correspondence from the rebel army to parties in New-York, designed to be sent by steamer *Morro Castle*, has been intercepted at Batabano, and that the persons in whose possession it was found had been arrested. Captain-General DE RODAS had issued a general order to commanders of the different jurisdictions of the island. The Captain-General enjoins upon them to respect the lives of all unarmed citizens—to arrest no one on vague suspicions; instructs them to rigidly respect all legal rights of foreigners, says that the Government will hold the officers of the army responsible for the good discipline of the troops, and instructs them to forward to him dispatches relative to matters in their departments containing only facts as they occur.

Mexican news to July 5 reports that the results of the elections have been favorable to the Government. The volcano of Colima was in a high state of eruption, throwing up huge masses of fire and ashes, and lava was flowing abundantly from it. The inhabitants of the villages and towns within its range had fled from their houses to the fields beyond, and were in a very destitute condition.

A New-Orleans telegram, dated Saturday evening, sets forth that further accounts at hand confirm the account of the great floods in Colorado Valley, Texas. The water was ten feet deep in the Court-house square at Lagrange. It was estimated that twenty-five houses have been seen passing down the stream. The river was still rising. The staging had been stopped for four days. The town of Columbus was entirely surrounded by water. Brazos River was also very high, and was still rising at the rate of four inches per hour.

The Secretary of the Treasury has directed the Assistant Treasurer at New-York to purchase $2,000,000 of United States bonds each Wednesday during the present month, to be held subject to the future action of Congress. The currency balance in the Treasury is now about $20,000,000.

A boiler in EDWARD F. POSTER'S logwood factory, in East Boston, Mass., exploded Saturday, shattering the building and injuring five men severely.

LOUISA WALSH was arrested in Albany yesterday, and portions of the silver statue chalice of St. Mary's Church were found in her possession.

The Connecticut Legislature adjourned *sine die* Saturday. The session was twenty-two days shorter than last year, and cost the State $20,000 less. Both Houses held night sessions during the past week, crowding business so as to reach an adjournment without delay.

THOMAS SWEENY was arrested and committed to jail, in Buffalo, Saturday, on a charge of murdering his brother JOHN, while boating in the harbor on Sunday week. On returning to the shore on the day mentioned THOMAS reported that JOHN had fallen overboard and drowned. The body was recovered last evening. The skull had been broken with an oar, the teeth knocked in, and other marks of violence were apparent.

The Baltimore Saengerfest was formally commenced on Saturday, when Mayor HAMES welcomed to the Monument City the incoming Societies.

The United States steamer *Narragansett* arrived at Portsmouth, N. H., Friday, with six cases of yellow fever on board—three officers and the same number of men. They were all doing well. Lieutenant R. K. DUNN, and one man whose name was not ascertained, died on the passage from Key West.

The revenue of the New Dominion for June is $1,030,919; expenditures, $926,427; discount on American invoices for the present week, 86 per cent.

On July 3 the Court-house of Decatur County, at Decaturville, Tenn., was entirely consumed by fire. Loss, $100,000. The lawyers of the town had their offices in the Court-house, and their libraries were all consumed, together with valuable papers which they had in their possession. In the County Court Clerk's office there was $90,000 in currency. The County Court Clerk also had many valuables in his office, which he tried to save, with more disappointed county papers. He wrapped himself up in wet blankets and penetrated the building, but the flames drove him back, and he was slightly burned in the attempt.

The *Great Eastern*, up to Saturday noon, had run 2,488 knots from Brest, and paid out 2,257 knots of cable.

The decease of HENRY B. STANTON, late United States Consul at Revel, Russia, is announced. He died on June 15. He was born in Vermont sixty-five years ago, and settled in Burlington in 1827. In 1830 he became part proprietor of the *Free Press*, and was editor and publisher of that paper from 1833 until 1846. Mr. STANTON accepted the Consulship in 1861, and was preparing to give way to a successor when overtaken by death.

The Branch Mint of San Francisco was closed Saturday, to allow the officers opportunity to make a general settlement of their accounts. The Secretary of the Treasury had authorized the Sub-Treasurer there to increase the bullion fund of the Mint by adding $1,500,000, to obviate any difficulty from closing the institution.

A dispatch from Pueblo, Colorado, dated July 9, says that the Congressional Committee on the Pacific Railroad, consisting of Senators DRAKE and SCOTT and Representatives MORRELL, HIGH and ROOTS, accompanied by EDGAR DENNIS, Attorney of the Kansas Pacific Road, arrived yesterday morning. They will visit points of interest, and reach Denver to-day.

A Denver special dispatch says that the United States Geological Expedition, under Dr. HAYDEN, arrived Friday, having spent ten days between Cheyenne and Denver. They go southwestwardly thence, and expect to be out all Summer.

The De Soto *Press*, of July 7, has news that SAM HILDEBRAND, the outlaw, passed about a week in the neighborhood of Morse's Mill, Big River Township, quite recently, finding scores of friends among the rebels of Sandy Valley. He was said to have left that vicinity on July 2, passing Manion's, on his way south and southeast, to the vicinity of his old home in St. Francois County.

The reduction of the expenses of the Post Office Department, owing to the discontinuance of useless mail service on Western and Southern routes, is up to date, $772,864, while by other arrangements the general service has been much improved.

The annual regatta of the Shatemuc Boat Club took place late Saturday afternoon over a three-mile course, near Poughkeepsie. There were three races—two single sculls and one double.

Ex-Secretary WILLIAM H. SEWARD was on Saturday confined to his hotel, in San Francisco, by an attack of rheumatism, and declined to receive any visitors.

The educational meetings of the National Association are to be held in Trenton, N. J., on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Aug. 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20. The Association of State Superintendents will meet on Monday, of Normal School Principals on Tuesday, and the General Association of Teachers on the other days. The list of speakers and lecturers before the Association comprises Rev. L. Van Cokelaer, President; Professor E. A. Brooks, of Pennsylvania; Professor L. B. Munro, of Boston; Professor Fordyce A. Allen, of Pennsylvania; Professor John S. Hart, of New-Jersey; Mrs. Randall, of Oswego; Miss Swayne, of New-Jersey; Rev. J. Alden, D. D., LL.D., of Albany; Professor E. Richards, of Washington; Professor Austin C. Apgar, of New-Jersey; Major-General O. O. Howard, United States Army; John D. Philbrick, of Boston; Rev. B. G. Northrop, of Connecticut; Professor J. B. Pickersham, of Pennsylvania; and Hon. Joseph White, of Massachusetts. The meetings of the American Institute of Instruction will be held in Portsmouth, N. H., on Aug. 3, 4 and 5. Hon. Joseph White, of Massachusetts, Professor E. S. Morse, of Salem, President J. T. Champlin, of Waterville, Me., and Professor J. S. Woodman, of Dartmouth College, will be among the principal speakers.

Dr. CHAPIN'S Universalist Church, in Fifth-avenue, closed yesterday for the Summer, with a very fine sermon by the pastor, and unusually rich music by the choir. The singers were Miss NEWBOULD, soprano; Miss GABELLE, contralto; Messrs. DEYO and KELLY, bass and tenor, with J. H. HOLDEN, organist.

PATRICK HIGGINS, an officer of the Sixteenth Precinct, was assaulted about 1 o'clock yesterday morning, by four men who sprang upon him from a doorway in West Sixteenth-street, and snatching away his club beat him so terribly about the head that his wounds are considered serious. EDWARD LAMON, one of the assailants, was arrested and is held for examination.

ROBERT ROSS, of No. 250 West Twenty-second-street, was attacked by a number of rowdies about 1 o'clock yesterday, on the corner of Twenty-sixth-street and Eighth-avenue, and was stabbed in the left side. The wound is severe but not dangerous. All of the assailants escaped.

HENRY HASKEN, a laborer, died yesterday from burns received on the 1st inst., by the explosion of a keg of powder while he was engaged in blasting for a sewer in West Sixtieth-street. A verdict of accidental death was rendered at the inquest yesterday.

The extreme heat that prevailed in the City yesterday was experienced, it would seem, elsewhere. In Washington, D. C., the thermometer indicated 88 degrees in the shade. In Poughkeepsie, 94 was reached by the mercury. The sultriness in Boston was relieved by several heavy thunder showers. Other reports are printed elsewhere.

The Seventh International Statistical Congress—Mr. Ruggles' Mission.

We learn that our fellow-citizen Mr. SAMUEL B. RUGGLES leaves us to-morrow in the steamer *Silesia*, to attend the International Statistical Congress at the Hague, as the delegate to represent the Government of the United States.

Under the commission issued by the President and the authority of the Department of State, Mr. RUGGLES will officially bring before the approaching Congress, which is to assemble near the close of August in the present year, such statistical documents and other information "as will contribute to a perfect understanding abroad of the resources and prosperity of the United States, and to just views of their relative position among the family of nations."

The proposed assemblage is the seventh of the important historical series of "International" Congresses, composed of delegates officially appointed by the leading Governments of the civilized world. Commencing at Brussels, in 1853, and held successively, at intervals generally of three years, at Brussels, Paris, Vienna, London, Berlin and Florence, the seventh will be held in the present year at the Hague in the Netherlands.

In addition to the official Governmental delegates, these Congresses are largely attended by "members" invited by the preliminary commission of the country in which the Congress is held; so that the Congress at Florence, in 1867, with about seventy official "delegates," embraced nearly seven hundred members eminent in the various departments of knowledge, and selected from the cities and minor communities of Europe.

Their researches, deliberations, and reports embrace not only the facts illustrating the physical, moral, social and pecuniary condition of particular classes or branches of administration, but they have of late come to include the grander and more comprehensive features of the comparative statistics of the nations as such, showing the relative conditions of vencmement and importance of each. It is only in these broader generalizations that the elements are to be found for enabling Governments gradually but fully to solve the great problem of these modern days—the proper internationalization, in wise and harmonious concord, of all the important political Powers of the globe.

Many of our readers may recollect that Mr. RUGGLES represented the United States, in the International Congress at Berlin in 1863, under the commission of President LINCOLN, during the darkest hours of the rebellion, while the rebel forces were advancing into Pennsylvania, and also the determined and successful resistance by Mr. RUGGLES in that Congress, to an indirect attempt to recognize "the Confederate States" as a political power. The report to that Congress by Mr. RUGGLES, showing the entire sufficiency of the resources of our country to put down the insurrection, was extensively republished throughout Europe.

The coming Congress will afford a full opportunity for revising and enlarging the examination of the principal elements of those resources, including a comprehensive and accurate comparison of the agricultural product and capacity of the United States as an unbroken continental power, and of Europe as a unit. We may reasonably expect a view of the enormous results to flow from the vast and increasing volumes of immigration as well from Asia as from Europe, enriching and strengthening our country from ocean to ocean, not to speak of the immense increase of creative power in the continental railways, spanning and to span the whole breadth of the nation, and the increased pecuniary value of a reunited nation casting off all the elements of discord, and firmly riveted in indissoluble political unity.

Such are some of the subjects that will probably be treated in the approaching Congress—the proceedings of which we shall await with no little interest.

The Test Oath in Virginia—General Canby's Letter.

Of course General CANBY does not admit the conclusiveness of the argument by which we recently attempted to show the untenableness of his position on the test oath question. In a letter to which we elsewhere give room, he insists upon the soundness of his determination to exact the oath from members elected to the new Legislature. But we must be permitted to say that the interpretation he puts upon the action of General GRANT in relation to reconstruction in other States is as unwarranted as that by which he attempts to justify the course he proposes to take.

General CANBY suggests that we have "overlooked the material point that the Constitution proposed" for Virginia has not been approved by Congress, and that the decisions of General GRANT, which we cited a week ago, "were given after the approval of the Constitutions to which they referred, or related in every instance to conditions which could not exist until after that approval had been obtained." As a matter of fact, we submit that our correspondent is in error. In the case of Georgia, at least, General GRANT's instructions to General MEADE preceded by several weeks the Congressional approval of the State Constitution. It was on the second of March, 1868, that General GRANT wrote:

"The officers elected under the new Constitution of Georgia are not officers of the Provisional Government referred to in the Reconstruction acts, nor are they officers elected under any so-called State authority, and are not, therefore, required to take the oath prescribed in section 9, act of July 19, 1867."

And it was on the 20th of the following month that General GRANT, addressing the same officer, remarked that he saw nothing in the communications of the latter to change his opinion, and that "the eligibility to hold office must be determined by the new Constitution, and the amendment to the Constitution of the United States, designated as article 14." Yet it was not until the 25th of the following June that the act conditionally admitting Georgia to representation, and formally approving its Constitution, became law. General CANBY, then, is mistaken as to the circumstances in which the Commander of the Armies established a ruling of the law directly opposed to that which the present District Commander proposes to fasten upon Virginia.

But was General GRANT's opinion or order qualified by connection with conditions which could not exist until after the approving action of Congress? Clearly not. The case was judged by General GRANT on its merits. As a matter of fact and law he decided that the test oath is not obligatory on members of a Legislature elected under the Reconstruction acts. He did not make this view contingent upon the proceedings of Congress, of which in advance he could know nothing. He declared absolutely that any oath which the new Constitution of the State prescribes, together with the prohibitory section of the Fourteenth Amendment constitute the only limitations to which the members-elect are exposed.

Besides, the act of July 25, 1868, admitting North and South Carolina, Louisiana, Georgia, Alabama and Florida to representation, neither said nor did anything affecting the conditions by which the oaths to be taken were determined. General CANBY's reference to this approving legislation implies that in some unexplained way it relieved him, and Generals MEADE and BUCHANAN, from the necessity of exacting the test oath in their respective districts. But how? Does the act of admission specifically set aside the test oath as bearing upon the Legislatures of the States concerned? Does it indicate anything by which a District Commander could be relieved from what General CANBY now maintains to be his duty? What says the preamble?

"WHEREAS, The people of North Carolina, South Carolina, Louisiana, Georgia, Alabama, and Florida have, in pursuance of the provisions of an act entitled, 'An act for the more efficient government of the rebel States,' passed March 2, 1867, and the acts supplementary thereto, framed Constitutions of State Government which are Republican, and have adopted such Constitutions by large majorities of the votes cast at the elections held for the ratification or rejection of the same."

As a result of these proceedings by the people of the States named, they were declared entitled to representation in Congress when their respective Legislatures should have ratified the Fourteenth Amendment, and subject to certain other "fundamental conditions."

Now, there is nothing in the preamble or body of the act in question which absolved Generals MEADE, CANBY and BUCHANAN from any duty before incumbent upon them. There is simply a recognition of the fact that with the ratification of an acceptable Constitution, and the election of a Legislature and State officers, the provisional condition of things ended, and matters assumed a shape fatal to the rule under which a District Commander could at will exact the test oath.

What was true then of the six States named in the act is true now of Virginia. Its people have, by a large majority, adopted a Constitution to which the keenest-eyed Republican cannot object. They have elected a Legislature which, under the terms of the act passed at the late session, will meet shortly to ratify the Fifteenth Amendment, which is a condition-precedent of readmission to the Union. When the subject comes before Congress then the record will show a Constitution ratified, and the special condition of the last act complied with. There is no reason now for enforcing the test oath as against Virginians which was not applicable as against South Carolinians,—among whom General CANBY did not enforce it.

The plea behind which General CANBY takes shelter is predicated upon the supposition that the Legislature just chosen in Virginia is merely "provisional." But the hypothesis is fallacious. A "so-called" "provisional" Legislature, having no legal status, could not ratify the Fifteenth Amendment, or boast of the credentials which the new Legislature of Virginia possesses. Elected in conformity with the Reconstruction acts, and concurrently with the adoption of a Constitution prepared under their operation by a Convention whose members were not required to take the test oath, the present Legislature has rights which General CANBY can neither give nor take away. It is a Legislature whose organization and powers are defined by the local Constitution, which, as adopted, does not impose the test oath; and it is simply monstrous to suppose that General CANBY, or any General, by exforting from the Reconstruction acts a construction at variance with precedent and common sense, may demand the acceptance of an oath which the people of the State have explicitly rejected. Even General CANBY would not lay claim to the authority he professes to exercise, if Congress had passed in regard to Virginia an act akin to that passed on the 25th of June, 1868. Practically, however, the *status* of the Virginia Legislature, on assembling a few weeks hence, will be identical with the *status* of the South Carolina Legislature after the enactment of that law. General CANBY did not pretend that he could exact the test oath in the one case, and he can have no right to exact it in the other.

We find no fault with General CANBY for obeying the law. We condemn his action because under the guise of upholding the law he puts upon it a construction not borne out by its terms, or by any analogy between a "provisional" Legislature and the Legislature elected last Tuesday; a construction, moreover, discarded by General GRANT again and again in 1868, and one that, rigidly enforced, would render satisfactory reconstruction impossible.

On the motives of General CANBY we do not presume to sit in judgment. It is unfortunate, however, for his own consistency that after calling the attention of the Government to the mischief occasioned by the test oath in South Carolina, at a time when its exaction was imperatively required, he should now endeavor to bring it into play in Virginia, at a period when all excuse for its exaction has ceased. Still more unfortunate is it that no intimation of his purpose was given in Virginia until after all nominations had been made, and almost the eve of the election reached;—until, in fact, the Walls Party found their cause hopeless before the people, and the idea was formed of upsetting the popular verdict by a resort to some reckless method. The moral strength of General CANBY's position is weakened by a suspicious identity of opinion and purpose between his order and the tactics which the defeated party threaten to employ.

Midsummer Music.

Midsummer is here, and the air is vocal with the singing-societies that now so thrive in our country. The European element, and especially, the German, Swiss and French element, added of late years so largely to our American population, has conferred no benefit more striking to the well-being of the body politic, than the love of open-air sport and Summer song which it has brought with it, and transplanted, nurtured, and made to flourish on our soil. This sort of social relaxation, fitted so happily to Summer-tide, the blending of manly voices in the open air, the moonlight music, the popular concerts, the garden orchestras and choirs, the saengerbunds and Summer saengerfests,—these and the like we owe in great part to this element in our society. Open-air concerts we have indeed always had—the days of Castle Garden are well remembered; but to make these things not exceptional but universal, to make them choice and yet popular, to cultivate and refine the national taste for music in this grand way, was left for those who grafted upon our social system this healthful, innocent and admirable pastime.

And popular taste certainly has been cultivated and enlarged in its scope and its appreciative power by these introductions. Of old it was the habit (probably it still is in some quarters) to decry German and Italian musical compositions; great fun was made of Signor Twankydillo, the tenor, and Herr Gruff, the bass singer; it was considered finical not to be contented always with the same old round of pathetic "ballads." Now people have learned to like and enjoy and be improved by all good music, and to know something of the greatest of living and dead composers.

Evening music is one of the few things, too, in the way of entertainment that are left to were denizens of the City. Happy it is enjoyed with fitter accompaniments with the distant rumble of the sea at the seawise watering-places, or amid the low soughing of the pines in the mountain resorts; but it cannot be more refreshing there than to tired City-pent people whose summering is all too brief, to whom vacation is either an unknown or a very fleeting pleasure, and who have to cast about for such delights as civic life in Summer can afford.

The Crisis in France.

NAPOLEON has been at no loss to comprehend the significance of the late elections. Indeed, the warning they gave was of a nature not to be misunderstood by any politician,—least of all by the man most directly concerned. The slight attempts at outbreak in Paris were easily repressed; and, as long as the army is faithful, the Emperor can repress any uprising of the French people. But when this is said and this is done, the perils to his Government are not removed. When it is found, after such efforts as were made to carry the elections in his interest, that Paris, by an overwhelming majority, pronounces against him, and that he barely holds his superiority in the popular vote throughout the Empire,—when it is found that the *reason* of France is against him, and is prepared to assert itself in the Legislature,—it is not hard to see that here is a power more formidable than bayonets, and certain to triumph in its purpose.

It looks now as if there were something like trepidation on the part of the Emperor. He has been making speeches, writing letters, and promising reforms. He appears, moreover, to have discovered that mere glittering generalities and grandiose talk about "crowning the edifice" are not sufficient. He must prove his sincerity, realize his promises, and pacify the public feeling.

In his letter to M. MACKAU, the Emperor said that his Government would "yield neither to pressure, to excitement, nor to revolt," but he slightly modified this when he said on Friday last that he was "ready to sacrifice personal legislative power, though there is a question of dignity which will not yield to any pressure."

The resignation of the Ministry will compel the Emperor to come to a decision. It will doubtless be in the direction to which he has referred,—in the direction of a limit of his personal power, and the establishment of something in the shape of ministerial responsibility. The *Patrie* says the negotiations have resulted in an understanding that the Government will realize projected reforms, but the *Constitutionnel*, which is doubtless better informed, alleges that this report is premature, and that no decision has yet been reached.

NAPOLEON has no other safe course than the extension of French liberty. The London *Times* is justified in saying that personal government is a lost cause, and that old things are passing away and another political dispensation is at hand.

We Agree to Differ.

The air of perfect content and satisfaction wherewith the London papers now profess to regard the Parliamentary postponement of the *Alabama* claims question is strikingly in contrast with the earlier flutter in the same dove-cote,—the perturbation caused when the Senate's rejection of the Johnson-Clarendon Convention dropped and burst like a shell in London last Spring. The present calmness and coolness of these same papers, their perfect good-nature, are quite refreshing; and, meanwhile, we can reciprocate them on this side.

Ever since the contemptuous rebuff of our overtures, some years ago, by Lord RUSSELL, the American people as a whole have never been particularly anxious to settle this affair. The practical difficulty in the whole matter has been this, that whereas, under any attempt to liquidate our losses for actual pecuniary payment we should only be able to present a beggarly account of a few millions, represented by the *Alabama's* actual burnings and plunderings, yet the larger loss was that implied in SUMNER' boast that the *Alabama* had "swept American commerce from the seas." Now, in its very nature, this last claim is so indefinite in its magnitude that it would never have been made the basis of an award of money damages by an arbiter. It was, of course, none the less a historic fact, but the moment that you propose to settle it in dollars and cents, the matter becomes ridiculous. That was the great trouble with Mr. SUMNER's speech. He said some very severe things which cannot be denied; but to ask that those things should be considered in a convention to adjust actual losses, was obviously absurd.

One party in America desired, therefore, that, on the ground that it was for the interest both of England and America to settle such questions peacefully, a payment of actual losses suffered by the *Alabama* should be made. This, however, Great Britain has uniformly refused to do—that is to say, she was lately willing to *arbitrate* the pretended claims of A, B and C, against her, but she knew nothing whatever in advance of the *Alabama*—she never said "I will pay the damages which any fair referee will pronounce to have been caused by the *Alabama*." Seeing this position, the chief part of the American public, in a natural reaction declared—"We will take our pay in time." The time will come, they agreed, when England will be as wise, and then, for the moment, we will adopt her municipal code; under that, our shipbuilders will build *Alabamas*; then the British Minister will remonstrate; then we shall say that "we can do nothing;" the *Alabamas* will leave our ports, and the British carrying trade will be cure. A pretty vindictive style of reasoning this is, but it is not unnatural, and, at all events, as long as it is used, we might as well acknowledge it. The word which now goes from America to England is not "payment," for that is "postponed," but *reprisal*. And that is really the secret of the American quiet over this affair, and the sense of annoyance which the further discussion of the *Alabama* claims creates—it is felt that the country "can afford to wait."

For our part we have always been anxious to have this matter quietly settled honorably to both parties; and we have believed, as we have before said, that Mr. SUMNER was not exorbitant in his demands, when he wrote:

"The lowest form of satisfaction for this national injury that the United States could accept, would be found in an statement without reservation or comment, made by the British Government to some citizens of the United States who have suffered individual injury and damages by the vessels of war unlawfully built, equipped, manned, fitted out, or entertained and protected in the British ports and harbors."

Mr. PATTERSON, the other day, in Behalf of the Liverpool merchants, declared that "the maritime interests of England were sure to suffer from the *Alabama* precedent, which was a bad one," and he was "assured that the present Ministry would meet the claims of the United States without compromising the national honor." But Mr. PATTERSON, it seems, was in error, regarding the purposes of the present Ministry. However, it is well to agree on something, as we all do now, namely, to agree to differ.

A Good Sign.

The heartiness with which the South generally joined all other parts of the country in the celebration of the National Anniversary is an excellent token of the progress made in reviving the national spirit.

During the war no such disposition was manifested. In fact, one of the very first acts of South Carolina, after her passage of the secession ordinance, was the abrogation of the Fourth of July as a holiday; and every secession ordinance elsewhere was followed by similar action. It was instinctively apprehended that the national ideas and associations of the Fourth were all counter to the traitorous work in which they were engaged. It was thus a prime object with them to get rid of the day altogether.

Conversely, there can be but one interpretation of their present alacrity in greeting the day with the old honor. It adds another proof that the redeeming agencies have taken a strong hold in the Southern heart, and have already nearly remoulded it to the old cast of American citizenship. It is another illustration of the historical fact that there is a peculiar vital principle in American nationality—an essence in the blood that will not die out, and forever establishes that, "Once an American, always an American."

It is rare that an immigrant from the Old World is seen who has any attachment to his native land except merely as the soil that gave him birth. To his original government he is no longer bound by the least tie of sympathy. All loyalty to that he has cast from him forever, and has become morally incapable of ever renewing it. But no man who has been born to American citizenship—who has once rejoiced in its acknowledged glory as in the sunshine of heaven, can ever forget it or long renounce it. The pride and joy of it have become a part of his personal existence—a *second nature* which cannot be discarded. If, in weakness or folly, it is set at naught for a while, it is sure, in due time, to reassert itself. It is this peculiar *indestructibility* of American sentiment that justified the old answer to the secessionists, that even if they should accomplish their end their success would be only temporary, that the divided country would surely come together again. It was this, too, that justified the faith all through the fiercest rage of the war that there was nothing in the malign predictions of implacable sectional hates and interminable sectional feuds which would make a restored Union a monstrous counterfeit and a curse instead of a blessing. If there has not yet been time to work out pacification fully, there is no lack of proof that the old spirit is renewing its strength, and is bound to prevail.

Gilbert C. Walker, Governor Elect of Virginia.

We are assured by one who has personally known Governor WALKER for many years, that the notice of him which we published in our last issue from the Troy *Times*, is in many respects inaccurate, and in some particulars calculated to do the Governor injustice.

After graduating at Hamilton College Mr. WALKER studied law in Binghamton, where he was admitted to the Bar in 1854. In 1855 he removed to Owego, Tioga County, N. Y., and entered upon the practice of his profession. He belonged to the Democratic Party, and in 1856, and not in 1858, and after he had been a resident of the county upward of a year instead of less than four months, as stated by the Troy *Times*, he became the Democratic candidate for District-Attorney. A young man of but twenty-four or twenty-five years of age, of genial manners, and with a remarkably fine presence, he was very popular with all who knew him. But the Republican candidate, who was Mr. TRACY, the present United States District-Attorney for the Eastern District, and not Mr. HANCOCK, as the Troy *Times* erroneously supposes, while he lacked many of the personal qualities which added so much to WALKER's popularity, possessed many advantages over him which told heavily against WALKER in the canvass. He was a native of the county, knew its people well and had hosts of personal friends in the Democratic Party. Three years previous he had been elected to the same office as a Whig, while on the State ticket the county gave seven hundred Democratic majority. The point to be made by the Democrats was to select a candidate who could poll the entire Democratic vote against TRACY. This WALKER did, and more, running slightly ahead of his ticket. The county, however, unexpectedly went strongly for FREMONT, and WALKER was, of course, defeated.

If "the defeat was a grievous disappointment to the ambitious young lawyer" he certainly did not manifest it by soon after bidding his friends in Owego good-bye and removing to Chicago, as the *Times* intimates, for shortly after the election the political rivals for office became partners in business, and for three years did what in the country was deemed a large and successful business. But the amount of legal business to be transacted in a rural county like Tioga was too limited to satisfy the ambition of Mr. WALKER, who, in 1860, removed to Chicago. From 1860 to 1869 Mr. WALKER always acted and voted with the Democratic Party of Tioga County, and if he ever felt the mortification of a mistake in uniting his fortunes with that party we only once he never said so to a Republican friend, nor to any one else. Now is it true that his meeting in Chicago he declared himself a Republican.

In the Presidential contest of that year he was a Douglas Democrat. On the breaking out of the war in 1861, he still followed DOUGLAS and gave his earnest support to the Administration. He confined himself, however, to the practice of his profession until 1862, when he removed to Norfolk, Va., where he has since resided. Soon after settling in Norfolk, he united with others in organizing a National Bank, of which he became President. A Democrat, he was among the very first men in the country to insist upon the duty of the General Government to extend suffrage to the negroes of the South. As just as he is magnanimous, the freedman can have no truer friend, and the adherent of the "lost cause" no more considerate and kindly Governor than GILBERT C. WALKER.

A New Victory of Labor in the British Parliament.

This journal has endeavored, in advance, we believe, of most of our contemporaries, to keep the public constantly informed of the new phase in the grand struggle of this age—that between Labor and Capital. Few here, except those brought into close connection with it, appreciate its momentous importance. It is a contest waging under all forms of Government and in every civilized country. The first blows have been struck here; and in a few years it will prove the most pressing subject for American discussion. Were it not for the most fortunate element of our large space of arable land, uncopied, the struggle would have already taken an importance here far beyond all political and party questions.

It is interesting to note that the Labor party in Great Britain have just gained a new victory, which, though not very striking, is of value to them. In both Germany and England there have been laws intended to limit the freedom of uniting among laborers for the purpose of competing with capitalists. Some two years since, under VON BISMARCK's government and through the earnest efforts of Herr SCHULTZ-DELITZSCH, all the laws forbidding workingmen to meet and combine for trades' unions or strikes or coöperative banks or any similar purpose were repealed, and the unions of German laborers have now free scope under the law.

In England, the trades' unions have been peculiarly offensive to the governing class and to all employers. Nothing could exceed their tyranny and narrow, bigoted spirit. In one instance a church was compelled to be partly pulled down and built over because a few masons did the work of bricklayers, which was contrary to the rules of the union. In certain districts no employer dared for a moment resist the union. Masters and men were slaves to these irresponsible authorities. As a consequence of their unreasonable and oppressive action, the employers secured certain acts from Parliament checking the powers of combination and union among laborers, and punishing intimidation exercised by unionists over non-unionists.

These laws have been much discussed and often resisted. A recent mail informs us that Parliament is about to repeal them all. This result is no doubt due in part to the character of the Reform Parliament; but more to the spirit of the age. The workingmen have as yet no direct representatives in Parliament. This body is mainly made up of the employing class. There was little direct pressure brought upon the Legislature; but these acts are so manifestly inconsistent with the tone of British legislation, and the spirit of the age, which is everywhere giving more liberty to the masses, that they must fall almost of themselves. The trades' unions and coöperative societies will soon not only remove obstacles, but secure favorable legislation for themselves; and in a few years they will be recognized as a power in the State, and be represented in Parliament.

MINOR TOPICS.

In view of the election soon to be held in this State for State officers, members of the Legislature and Judges, the *Evening Post* urges the people to cast their votes without regard to contesting parties or national politics. After showing that the Constitution of 1846 carefully separated the elections which are to determine questions of local administration from those which relate to national affairs, it argues that the people of this State have enough local business of their own to occupy themselves with in this election. Our legislation is very corrupt and corrupt men ought to be defeated without regard to party. The question of a new canal enlargement ought to be settled. The railroad policy of the State ought to be reconstructed on a different principle from that which now prevails. The school question must be determined anew, now that the Legislature has begun to vote money for the support of sectarian schools. Such matters as these, as well as the regulation of the liquor traffic, are the questions that the *Post* would like to see the people of the State take action upon at the coming election. Though we do not coincide with the *Post* as to the possibility of ignoring party issues and national politics at the election, yet we agree with it as to the desirability of the people taking up with intelligence and interest the great State questions which it refers to.

We print, in another column, a letter from a correspondent, who asks some important questions concerning the Soldiers' Home, which used to be located at Albany, in this State. Since the adjournment of the Legislature, the Home, which was for the care of disabled soldiers, was abolished, and nearly two hundred and fifty poor fellows were thus set adrift, to do for themselves. Subsequently one hundred and fifty of this number were sent to the National Home, at Augusta, Me., but the remainder are still unprovided for. Many of them would be glad to go to one of the National Homes, but they do not know how to get there, and the consequence is that they must remain in the City, to suffer privations of the most painful kind. An agency should be established, at once, in New-York, where soldiers could obtain all needed information, and the means of reaching the institutions which are provided for their reception. General MANNING

...ELLA, our representative in the Board of Managers, of the National Asylum should make an effort to accomplish this desideratum.

We trust that the Coroner made a thorough and searching investigation into the case of the gentleman who died in a dentist's office the other night, just as the dentist (according to his own statement) was about to administer the chloroform. Within a short time past two persons have died in this City while under the influence of chloroform administered by physicians.

Will the Fire Commissioners, or somebody having the information, tell us why the custom of ringing the tower bells as alarms for fires is perpetuated at a cost of $20,000 per annum, to the annoyance of many and the benefit of none, so far as we can judge. The bells certainly do not call out the engines, as the fire-alarm telegraph reaches every engine-house and gives the alarm signal so much in advance of the bell that it very frequently happens that the engines are five on the road to a fire before the first stroke of the tower bells are sounded. The primitive period of their usefulness having passed, these "wild alarm bells" should not be longer periodically to

"—fling out their affright
On the startled ear of night"—

or, what is more to the purpose, on the ears of invalids and over-worked laborers and business men, whose sleep is too precious to be thus rudely and unnecessarily disturbed.

It is impossible not to admire the style in which the English journals, and especially the London *Times*, address the House of Lords in regard to the Disestablishment bill. Nothing could more strikingly display the position of power which English journalism has reached. It is not a mere assumption of authority on their part; but it is evident that their influence is perfectly understood both by themselves and the public. The *Times* does not trifle or palter with the Lords, nor does it beat the wind in their presence; but it reasons and argues with them, it remonstrates with them, it warns them; it demands in authoritative terms that they shall not attempt to stand against the popular will, but that they shall acquiesce in this measure of justice and reform. The English Liberal Press is a tremendous ally for the present Ministry, and journalism in this instance is fulfilling its highest function. It is not as the party slave, much less as the personal organ,—it is not as the servitor of legislatures and administrations, but as their equal,—that the true mission of the Press is found.

The Saengerfest now being held in Baltimore is a very imposing affair, as may be inferred from the fact that the Northeastern Saengerbund, which it represents, is composed of 140 singing associations, organized in neighboring States, and numbering 6,000 active and 20,000 passive members. The American people are immensely indebted to the Germans who have introduced to our country these noble festivals. They have given a very great impulse to the love and study of the musical art, and to the development of the high tastes with which it is associated.

The Californians are boasting of the invention of a "flying ship." We shall be glad to see these Western cloud-compellers when they come flying over the house-tops. But what will the Californians say when they see them coming in from the Pacific bringing over the Chinese in flights and flotillas? They will probably wish they had not invented "flying ships."

The affair in Washington-street was supplemented a week later by a kindred outbreak in West Sixteenth-street, reported in our columns this morning. Four men sprang upon a policeman from a doorway, snatched away his club and beat him terribly. Can the Police Commissioners find nothing suggestive in these occurrences and in the turbulence lately prevalent in many quarters of the City? Are they very sure the Police force is all that it should be, and that it is especially as efficient as a preventive force as it can be made? If so, we are drifting into a carnival of crime that will make the days before Police Commissioners were known appear respectable in comparison.

The offer made by Mr. A. T. STEWART to purchase the Hempstead Plains, has led to a review of the historic associations connected with that region of Queens County, which was, in Revolutionary times, the hot bed of Toryism. Where the English Governor TRYON once reviewed the Tory militia, and administered an oath of allegiance and fidelity to King GEORGE the Third, there may yet be, if Mr. STEWART's offer is accepted, the site of a flourishing Yankee town, and where "Quakers and such like opinionists" were once prohibited from settling, may, in these days of toleration, be dotted over with every kind of religious temple, from the gorgeous Christian cathedral to the Josh-house of the almond-eyed Celestial, who is now descending on our shores.

"Will the coming burglar drink wine?" is an interesting question of the near future. Our citizens go regularly every Summer from the City, leaving their houses for weeks, more or less, unguarded and filled with costly articles that can be easily carried away. Long experience has shown that the burglar will improve the opportunity thus offered, and will steal plate. But, will he drink wine? Will he this year, as he has aforetime, after leisurely making his selections from our plate-box, our mansion and our cupboards, descend to our wine-cellar and drench his felonious throat with our choicest wines? Will he wring the necks off bottles when he has drunk his fill, and, in mere merriment, pour the rare old treasures of the vineyard on the unappreciative cellar floor? We fear he will. To be sure, the absent citizen might prevent him by leaving some trusted person in charge of the house, but we suppose that this year, as before, people will pay toll to crime rather than wages to honesty.

Three murderers under penalty of death in Utah have been permitted to select their mode of execution, and have chosen to be shot. We suppose that next to the gallows and the guillotine, this is the most desirable form of execution for the victim,—particularly if the military order be adopted by which twelve men fire simultaneously, and thus an instantly fatal result is secured.

The loss of the *United Kingdom* has suggested the revival of the use of carrier pigeons as a more certain and a swifter means of communication between ships at sea and the shore than that of bottles and buoys. The efficiency of these birds was long since established. Swifter means for transmitting intelligence over land and under sea have since been discovered and used, but the carrier pigeons might still be employed in the way suggested. If the *United Kingdom* had had on board a couple of carrier pigeons, whose mates were here and in England, her fate, in all probability would have been definitely known. Disasters at sea are seldom of such sudden occurrence that a few lines of description cannot be written and consigned to a bottle or tied to the neck of a bird. Birds of this kind can be cheaply maintained on shipboard and easily trained; the idea is one worth experimenting upon, and we hope to see some of our great steamships testing its practicability.

A woman married a man who wandered away from her. During his absence she married another, without telling him of the first. When the second discovered there was a first, he applied for a divorce and got it. The first then made his appearance, and also applied for and got a divorce. Thus the woman who, but the other day, had two husbands, now has none; and the two clergymen who twice performed the marriage ceremony, as well as the judges who twice performed the divorce ceremony, have had their labor for their pains. The conclusion of this case, the trial of which has just ended in the Court of Common Pleas, has been quite different from the conclusion ordinarily reached in analogous cases.

The Test Oath in Virginia—Letter from General Canby.

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH MILITARY DISTRICT,
STATE OF VIRGINIA,
RICHMOND, VA., Tuesday, July 6, 1869.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

I think that in your article of yesterday morning on the "Test Oath in Virginia" you have overlooked the material point that the Constitution proposed for that State has not yet been approved by Congress, and that the decisions of General GRANT, which are cited by you, were given after the approval of the Constitutions to which they referred, or related in every instance to conditions which could not exist until after that approval had been obtained. Upon this point there can, I think, be no difference of opinion, and the decision made now is precisely the same that I made more than a year ago, and is entirely consistent with every decision of General GRANT that I have ever seen. I have heretofore, in two districts, (the Second and Fifth,) recommended that Congress should be asked to dispense with or modify the test oath, and in one of them, and mainly in order to avoid the difficulties that exist now, I suspended the meeting of a Legislature until after the Constitution under which it had been elected had been approved by Congress. I would take the same action in this case if Congress had not directed the assembling of the Virginia Legislature at a definite time; that being the case it must, in my judgment, assemble under the conditions now, and not those which may hereafter be imposed by law. Questions of policy may properly shape legislative action, but they do not work the repeal of existing laws, or authorize District Commanders to annul them. Under constitutional and legislative provision, "the members of the several State Legislatures and all executive and judicial officers of the several States" must, "before they proceed to execute the duties of their respective offices, take the prescribed oath or affirmation." Members of conventions were not required by the laws of the United States to take any such oath or affirmation. The oaths or affirmations now prescribed are those of July 2, 1862, and July 11, 1866, and those prescribed by the State Constitutions which have been approved by Congress, either directly or by the admission of the States. A District Commander cannot dispense with the oaths prescribed by the laws of July 2, 1862, and July 11, 1866, (as they apply to particular cases,) and substitute for them the oath prescribed by any proposed Constitution the validity of which is contingent upon future action, without assuming a power which Congress has expressly reserved to itself.

If you will take the trouble to refer to the inclosed General Orders, you will see how little justification there is for the charge that the decision now complained of is an afterthought.

Very respectfully, Sir, your obedient servant,
ED. R. S. CANBY,
Brevet Major-General.

PERSONAL AND LITERARY.

The publishers of the *Citizen* have secured the services of Mr. BEDLEY, late editor of the *Round Table*, which paper has been merged in the former. Mr. BEDLEY is a very accomplished and forcible writer, as well as a skillful editor.

Dr. A. G. MACKEY, of Charleston, S. C., has been in the City several days. He takes a hopeful view of South Carolina politics.

The subject of Mr. TENNYSON's new poem is the old German legend of the "Quest of the Holy Graal."

The *Sunday Mail* makes a very handsome appearance in its new type, and is altogether a very sprightly and well-edited paper.

Mrs. GEORGE BATTEY, of Georgia, is now engaged in this City in soliciting assistance in the cause of Southern education. She has succeeded in establishing in Atlanta a first-class female seminary, which is supplied with an excellent corps of teachers, and is now educating a number of beneficiaries. The means secured by her will henceforth be applied to whatever educational institution of the South may be in absolute need of such help. Her address is No. 204 East Fifteenth-street, New-York.

Mr. JAS. L. CULLENEEN, the advocate of the Cuban prisoners in the Ludlow-street Jail, speaks in high terms of the courtesy, magnanimity and sympathy with the Cuban cause of District-Attorney PIERREPONT. It is due to the volunteer efforts of their counsel that his zeal and untiring efforts that a speedy liberation was effected.

Prince IGNATIEFF, who committed suicide in Paris after a lovers' quarrel with the actress he was about to marry, had his betrothed as only mourner. The Prince killed himself by drinking a bottle of Chartreuse.

Mlle. BLANCHE D'ANTIGNY, a French actress, has lately created some sensation in Paris by reason of her eccentricities in the *rôle* of *Marguerite* in "Le Petit Faust." In the third act, when *Faust* demands where she got her necklace from, she replied: "It has been given me by the little Count DE X—, who has two vices to-day!" As the Count DE X— was present with a party of friends, the remark caused much embarrassment.

A fishmonger of Berlin, on the occasion of the birth of his twelfth son, according to custom, asked the King and the Royal Princes to be its godfathers. The King responded by making the happy man a present of three thalers. One of the Princes also sent a present of five groschen (sixpence) in postage stamps. *Noblesse oblige.*

The last night of the great debate on the Irish Church bill taxed the London papers to the uttermost. The *Times*, which was the only paper that gave Lord GRANVILLE's reply in full, and an account of the division, had but fifteen minutes between going to press and catching the first trains for the country. In that fifteen minutes 18,000 copies were printed.

The Pope has entered the twenty-fourth year of his Pontificate. He is seventy-seven years of age, and his two brothers are four and seven years older.

The Emperor of the French has announced to M. DE LAVERNE his intention to create him Duke of Rome.

The celebrated Roman astronomer, Father SECCHI, has written to the *Giornale di Roma*, stating that he has noticed an excessive number of spots on the sun. On the 7th ult. he counted as many as thirty-three, divided into seven or eight groups.

One of the Sultan's wives has given birth to a Prince, who has been named MEHEMED CHILEBY.

RICHARD WAGNER has been elected honorary member of the Academy des Beaux Arts at Berlin.

The celebrated violinist, JOACHIM, has been appointed Director of Instrumental Music at the Academy of Music at Berlin.

A Confederate Soldier Not Entitled to Damages.

From the Salem (N. C.) Press, July 5.

Two cases were tried at Alamance Superior Court, last week, where three persons sued the North Carolina Railroad Company for damages sustained by an explosion of powder stowed in the car in which they were riding, about the close of the war. DILLARD and DUKE obtained damages—the former for $9,000 and the latter for $10,000. But the point to which we direct attention is the decision of Judge TOURGEE in the case of S. S. TURNER, who also sued for damages. The Judge decided that TURNER, as TURNER, was a Confederate soldier and on his way to report for duty at General JOHNSTON's headquarters, thus violating the law, he was not entitled to recover damages from a common carrier. From this decision the counsel for TURNER appealed to the Supreme Court.

AFFAIRS IN ITALY.

The Attempt to Murder Deputy Lobbia—Stormy Scenes in Parliament—Disturbances in Milan.

From Our Own Correspondent.

FLORENCE, Saturday, June 19, 1869.

The past week the public has been kept pretty busy talking about the attempt to kill the Deputy LOBBIA. Returning home after midnight from a conference upon the charge-of-corruption investigation, he was accosted by a man disguised in false beard and slouched hat, with some pretence of offering a letter, letting fall upon the breast of the Deputy with a dagger a number of violent blows. Signor LOBBIA was armed and made his defence with courage. The struggle was desperate and continued for several minutes, with both parties prostrate upon the ground. Amid cries of alarm and pistol discharges, the assailant succeeded in escaping from the field, with no damage to the Deputy except some wounds upon the head. Signor LOBBIA has been of late one of the most active connected with the corruption prosecution, and has claimed to hold the proofs in the sealed documents which, a few days ago, he held up in Parliament. This mass of papers, calculated to destroy political reputations, which the Deputy carried in his breast-pocket, probably saved his own life. The dagger-blows were spent in their thick folds. According to the plan of the transaction, as theorized by the public, to get possession of these papers, or get the Deputy out of the way, or both, was the object of the assault.

Signor LOBBIA holds a military commission, with the rank of Major, and has been an officer in the service of GARIBALDI. A profound sensation was produced among members of Parliament and in the whole community as soon as the attempt to assassinate was known. The President of the Chamber and the Minister of the Interior lost no time in visiting the Deputy in his chamber, prostrated with nervous exhaustion. It was the first thought of the Ministry and the Government Party to clear itself of all suspicion of complicity or possible sympathy with a transaction condemned and abhorred by all good citizens. In Parliament, on the day succeeding the attack the most emphatic expressions of detestation and regret were indulged by members of different parties. But, as usual, the opportunity was not lost for angry crimination. One Deputy stated that four or five days before the attempt to kill, a report had been current on the Exchange at Naples that the Deputies CRISPI and LOBBIA had been assassinated. The question has been asked, Is Italy returning to the practices of the Middle Ages? These exhibitions of passion and of violence will have an end, but sober people are afraid that the present effect will be to throw discredit upon liberal constitutional government, and give its enemies, who are still numerous, too much cause to rejoice. For my own part, I do not for a moment doubt that the wise men of the country will see to it that the work of good government is carried forward with a steady hand. Ambitious men, in power or out of power, may turn with unscrupulous eagerness every opportunity to their personal advantage, but there is virtue enough left to save the country. The influence of many good examples in Italian public life will not be lost.

Day before yesterday one of the Ministers got up in his place in the Chamber and read a decree signed by the hand of the King, which prorogued Parliament to one does not yet know what day. It surprised most people, but made glad the hearts of some. The act was sudden and unexpected, but wise, and really demanded by an impracticable situation. The kind which could not be untied has been cut. The legislative body, never the best example of order, was passing from confusion to chaos, which threatened the country also, under such wrong-headed guidance. Many breathe freely again, and the Government party is experiencing a sense of relief. Some of the members went to the Chamber with old-fashioned double-barreled pistols in their pockets, and they might have been subjected to the expense of revolvers had the session been prolonged. Passions have been excited to a degree beyond any recent knowledge. As a sequel to the events produced by the lively emotion here we have an account of the doings of the mob at Milan. The windows of the office of the *Perseveranza* newspaper were broken, as well as those of the *Pungolo*, to the cry of viva *Lobbia* and morte agli assassini! Quiet was restored without the intervention of the public force.

It cannot be said that the Minister is seated very firmly in the saddle, although he is determined not to leave it unless the raving and plunging criminal under it comes sprawling to the ground. The head of the department of finance has retired his two or three projects upon which he had staked his political fortunes and those of the country. To make headway now difficult, if not impossible, a beginning must once more be made, if not on new ground, at least with more favorable conditions of feeling. One of the semi-official organs expresses the opinion that Parliament will be called together again as soon as the commission engaged in the alleged corruption investigation is ready to make its report. This body is busy with its work, taking evidence and examining the so much talked-of documents. The physician's report is, that Signor LOBBIA will soon be well enough to give his testimony.

Later reports from Milan state that the disturbances of a few nights back have been renewed, with stones thrown, pistol-shots fired, and the military force called in, or rather out to restore order. At Verona and other places riotous assemblages, with various cries, have alarmed the neighborhood. Here, in Florence, there has been no assemblage of five or ten thousand persons at the drawing of the public lottery, but the utmost good humor has prevailed, with no menace of the public peace.

The most extravagant and absurd statements about persons and things find currency in the excited talk of the time. Unjust charges, which have their origin in ignorance or design, are made. A cool judgment, and considerable knowledge of the habits of the people, as well as of facts, are necessary to keep one from being led into error. The most gross allegations of collusion and venality are made, in conversation, even against the Sovereign, by members of the anti-monarchical and clerical parties. Sometimes one of the smaller journals has its edition for the day suppressed for putting such hints into print. The honest portion of the public, imperfectly informed, hardly knows what to believe. The wind which was to blow General FLEURY to Florence has set, for the time, in another direction. One of the stories current here is that as soon as it was reported that he was to be sent on a mission of war alliances with active operations in view, positive notice was dispatched to Paris by the Ministry that under actual circumstances such a plan would be useless, as the country is not in condition for and will not be dragged into any foreign fight.

Some of the letters from Rome printed in the newspapers try to make out that so strong a feeling of uncertainty is beginning to prevail among the Cardinals as to make them doubt whether the Ecumenical Council will be held. The uncertain state of Europe, and obstacles thrown in the way by various Catholic countries, have weakened confidence and even awakened alarm. The public, both Catholic and Protestant, will be able to judge, from all the evidence which comes to its knowledge, what ground there is for the doubt which in some quarters is now expressed. The fall of absolute government in France might leave the Papacy to the tender mercies of the party of reform, which is finding adherents in the most ultra Catholic countries.

A word for the weather. Here in Italy a most agreeable temperature has prevailed so far all through the month of June. The air has a spirit like that of the mountains, and to breath it from one as fitch good as taking a whiff from forest or sea.

ANGELICO.

THE NEW-ORLEANS FRAUDS.

Two Rings Broken Up—How they Were Worked and who Worked them.

From the New-Orleans Picayune, July 8.

The astounding frauds which have so recently been exposed in the Department of the Collector of Customs for this port, we hope are but the forerunners of the exposition and destruction of others of equal magnitude which exist in other departments of the Custom-house in this city. In this case we hear only of one item. Some time ago large quantities of sugar and coffee were seized in this and other cities, South and West, for evading the revenue duties; yet, nevertheless, the "rings" in this city continued to work as before, believing, no doubt, that in their perfect organization, neither the new Collector, (Colonel CASEY,) nor any other Government official would either detect the frauds, or would dare to expose them by prompt action if detected, or seek to arrest the persons implicated, and seize and confiscate all sugars which were thus worked through, to evade the duties required by law.

Not only has the Government been defrauded out of immense sums by this means for the past three years, but, as we hear, some of our planters have suffered to a great extent also.

In these sugar transactions, (or frauds, as they should be truly termed,) recent events have discovered two powerful "rings," the "appraisers" and "weighers," composed of Government officials and importers. The "Appraisers' ring" was the most powerful and important of the two. The duty of an appraiser is to approve the sugar according to its grade. For three years one of the leading importing houses in this city has been receiving the finest class of Havana sugars, which have been appraised at the lowest possible rates; or, in other words, the highest appraised as the lowest; and immense quantities of sugar, which have not appeared upon the manifest, passed without paying any duty whatever.

The "Weighers' Ring" so manipulate the gross weight as to make the hogshead or box of sugar weigh much less than it actually does, and the weigher's figures being taken by his superiors as literally correct as though an angel had recorded them, are handed over to the appraisers, who, if possible, manipulate them still more in conformity to their "duty" to the "ring."

The 4,491 boxes, 1,397 hogsheads, and 79 tierces of sugar, were libeled yesterday in the United States District Court, in accordance with the act of Congress in relation to fines, penalties, forfeitures and imprisonment, for evading the payment of revenue duties.

From the examination of several persons implicated in these frauds, sufficient evidence has been produced to establish the charge, beyond a doubt, that the officers who weighed, classified and appraised the sugars, were paid for underweighing and undervaluing the samples by persons interested in these importations. Further evidence has also been obtained by confessions of parties to charges made against them, establishing the guilt of all concerned beyond a peradventure.

The sugars being now libeled, we understand that the owners intend making applications to bond the same in order to obtain possession according to law.

The duty on sugars, which is imposed as much for the protection of our own planters, and to guard the Louisiana sugar planting interest, as to levy a revenue to the Government; by being evaded, renders it impossible for our planters to compete successfully against the immense quantities of the finest grades of Havana sugars thrown upon the market; and the inevitable consequence of such a course, in time, would be the total destruction of the entire sugar planting interests of the State.

The Department at Washington, is sending out its most able Treasury Agents for the purpose of furnishing every facility to Collector CASEY in continuing his investigations, and the most able counsel in this country can be retained, in order to secure the forfeiture of the sugars, and the trial and conviction of all persons interested in the perpetration of these frauds.

We hope that the destruction of these "rings" is but the beginning of the exposition and demolition of all similar ones known to exist in other departments of the New-Orleans Custom-house; as outside of the crime and wrong done the Government, our citizens are unable to pursue an honest and legitimate business from the same cause as exemplified in the case of the planter, and the "ring" rules its own peculiar business, outside as well as inside the Custom-house, governing the business to the ruin of all not connected with them.

The Collector of this Port has taken a move in the right direction. His action is indorsed by the Administration and good citizens, and we hope to see other officials, whether Government, State or municipal, take a similar stand.

VIRGINIA.

Political Parties in Virginia.

From the Richmond Dispatch, July 10.

There are two classes of persons who are endeavoring to force Virginia into the Democratic party, whether she will or no. One is the party of carpet-baggers and scalawags in this State, who are of opinion that they may do us damage with the President and Congress by calling our victorious party Democratic. The other is the Northern Democrats, who are very anxious to muster us into their ranks.

First—The victory here was won by an alliance of good men generally of all political shades of opinion in other days, who sunk all party distinctions in the emergency, and joined in the common cause of rescuing the State from the dominion of ignorance and dishonesty. They acted as patriots, national and domestic. They ignored the old party names, and associated as comrades devoutly struggling for the public weal. But to is the greatest folly—it is an insult to the grand motives which governed them—to call them by any of the old party names.

Second—The fight here was upon reconstruction, and the victorious party which has set Virginia free stood upon the Congressional platform; and that party is now charged in more important matters than hunting for a party name. They are endeavoring to complete the great work that has been so propitiously begun, and they desire to go on with it in entire harmony with the Federal Administration until it is consummated. Their party relations depend upon the events that are to follow. Those events are to be controlled at Washington. At present, we repeat, they stand on the Grant platform, desiring, in proof of their sense of the favor extended to them (General GRANT) to go in harmony with the Federal Executive. Are

Third—It is plain that parties must be reformed. The old issues and the parties that were formed upon them must give place to new issues and new parties. We do not believe there will ever be a Democratic Party in Virginia; or if there should be, it will be so altered in every respect that it will resemble the old one in name alone. The revolution in the theory of our Government has taken away the main pillar of the old Democracy. Nor do we think that a party charging the name Whig will any more resemble that which existed before the war.

The old parties must all pass away. The new chrysalis issues out of the debris of the old, and their combinations with the new issues that must grow out of the new order of our political system, are now standing, going on, and Virginia will not be ready to take sides until they take shape and have the breath of life blown into them. As yet, she is in the chrysalis state, endeavoring to expand her limbs and recover her strength in the genial sunshine which has been introduced through a keep-hole kindly made for us by General GRANT. She is now drawn to that light, and is inclined to continue in it. Thus far only can we see now. But to join any of the old parties she is not at all inclined, and it is not probably that she will. They are dead.

Mr. Daniel's Telegram to the President.

From the Richmond Dispatch, July 10.

Some of the Washington telegrams to the Northern newspapers speak of Mr. DANIEL's telegram to the President in regard to the result of our election as a sort of enigma that cannot be understood. It is even suggested that it veils a sarcasm. What a reading of a patriotic and sincere congratulatory message! The idea is preposterous. If there are any who still doubt what it meant, let them interpret it by the grand popular demonstration in this city day before yesterday welcoming Governor WALKER. The telegrams both sent up about after about for President GRANT and expressed their gratitude to him in a manner so hearty and unanimous that his heart would have thrilled with pride if he could have heard them.

Congratulations to Governor Walker and His Reply.

From the Binghamton Journal, July 10.

The following copies of dispatches need no explanation:

DISPATCH TO GOVERNOR WALKER.

BINGHAMTON, N. Y., July 8, 1869.

To Governor G. C. Walker, Norfolk:

Twenty-four guns were fired here last night, in honor of your victory. Accept congratulations.

J. SCHNELL, Jr.

GOVERNOR WALKER'S RESPONSE.

RICHMOND, Va., July 9, 1869.

To J. Schnell, Jr., Binghamton:

I am profoundly grateful for the honor paid me by my native town.

G. C. WALKER.

Justice in the Granite State.

It is said that in one of the mountain towns in New-Hampshire, on Wednesday last, a Justice placed a man who was convicted of assault and battery, under $150 bonds to keep the peace, and ordered the complainant to pay half the costs, on the ground that this would keep peace in the family. This reminds the Portland (Me.) *Argus* of another case, which it speaks of as follows: "It appeared in evidence that the person under arrest, who was a very large man, had seized the complainant, who was very small man, by the throat, and given him a terrible shaking—not even sparing the man's hair—all the striking no blow. The case was argued at length, the counsel for the defendant contending to deny that there was an assault and battery, the Justice should be only nominal damages. The Justice gave an opinion at length reviewing the matter, and concluding that as no blow was struck by the defendant, the case was one that never ought to be brought before the court—that it proves a sin to take notice of such little matters that could not attend to half the business there would be brought before them, and he ordered the prisoner to be unconditionally discharged."

POLITICAL TERMS.

The Reading (Penn.) *Gazette* urges General HANCOCK for the Democratic nomination for Governor, and calls upon General GEORGE W. CASS to withdraw in his favor.

At the temperance gathering in Island Grove, Abington, Mass., on the 5th inst., Wm. LLOYD GARRISON said that if he had not previously enlisted in the temperance movement in 1829, it is very likely that he might not have been an abolitionist. He considered the temperance cause the John the Baptist movement of the anti-slavery, as well as other moral reforms of later times. Nearly all the movers in abolitionism were total abstinence men, he said, and he had been so ever since 1827.

The wish being, probably, father to the thought, the Richmond *Enquirer & Examiner* gives a report that as soon as the official returns are all in, General GRANT will remove Governor WELLS, and appoint Governor WALKER Provisional Governor of Virginia, to serve until the State is admitted.

Returns received at the office of the Richmond *Dispatch* up to Friday night from eighty-six counties and cities in Virginia, make WALKER's majority 30,166. The Conservative majority in the Senate from the same counties is 17, and in the House of Delegates 8, or 25 on joint ballot, which will be increased to more than 60 when all the returns are in. WALKER's majority will be between 35,000 and 40,000.

Hon. WILLIAM CLAFLIN, Chairman of the National Republican Executive Committee, has directed the Secretary of the Committee to recognize the Executive Committee of the State of Texas chosen by the Houston Convention, which nominated General E. J. DAVIS for Governor of that State.

The Cincinnati *Enquirer* explains the nomination of General ROSECRANS by saying: "The Democratic Party is a party of the present and not of the past. It is acting with reference to the great and overwhelming issues of to-day, and it welcomes as brothers in a common cause all who are willing to act with it now, no matter how much they may have differed with it in the past. It is one of the best signs of progress when a great party is seen surrendering its passions and prejudices, and in a great public exigency making the past subservient to the future. We can well afford to forgive the order and prejudices of a soldier when he is ordered home in the presence of an armed foe, even if he does say some things which may be deemed indiscreet. It is worthy of note that in the Convention many of General ROSECRANS' warmest supporters were gentlemen who most strongly differed with him in the past."

Senator HENRY WILSON, of Massachusetts, is engaged on a history of the anti-slavery movement.

A leading Democratic politician has written to his party friends in Pennsylvania, that if they nominate and elect General HANCOCK Governor of the State, it will place him head and shoulders above HOFFMAN as the next Presidential candidate.

Iowa has not yet ratified the Fifteenth Amendment. There has been no session of the Legislature since April, 1868.

Testimony in the Covode and Foster contested election case is now being taken in Pennsylvania.

Hon. ASA PACKER has offered to withdraw his name in favor of General HANCOCK, as the most available candidate of the Democracy for Governor of Pennsylvania in the coming struggle.

The Columbus *Journal* thinks that if the Peace Democrats can vote for ROSECRANS this year, they will be able to vote next year for PHIL. SHERIDAN or BEN. WADE for Governor of Ohio.

Hon. THOMAS WILSON, of Winona, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Minnesota, has resigned his position for the purpose of taking part in politics. He is a candidate for the United States Senate to succeed Mr. NORTON. Colonel JAMES GILFILLAN, of St. Paul, has been appointed by the Governor Chief Justice for the unexpired term, about three years.

General JOHN F. AVERILL has published a letter declining the use of his name as a candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor of Minnesota.

Flood in the Oil Regions—The Fire.

From the Titusville (Penn.) Herald, July 10.

One of the most disastrous floods with which the oil district has been visited since the great flood of the Spring of 1865, occurred night before last. During Thursday afternoon dense, black clouds gathered over the district, and toward evening a rain storm of unusual violence set in. It was accompanied with frequent and vivid flashes of lightning, which, so far as reported, took effect in different places, one only on Upper Cherry Run. The rain, however, fell in torrents throughout the night, and the small streams within a radius of thirty miles of this place were swollen to an unprecedented height.

The destruction of small bridges, culverts, &c., was great. The bridges on the Pithole Creek from Pleasantville to its mouth were swept away, together with two or three oil tanks and other property. Nearly all the bridges over the streams emptying in Oil and East Oil Creeks to the northward and eastward of this city, were carried off. Along the line of the O. C. and A. R. Railway from Irvington to Titusville, there were a great number of slides, some of which were very large. Several culverts and portions of the track were also washed away, and trains ran only between Titusville and Corry. Up to last evening the track had been cleared between Oil City and Petroleum Centre. The road will be open to-day. The Titusville Pipe Company's lines were broken in several places, and the Oleopolis pipe was not in working order last evening. Altogether a large amount of property was destroyed, and many persons left homeless.

The oil fire on the Tallman farm and the Pittsburg and Cherry Run Oil Company's tract, Upper Cherry Run, occurred substantially as reported by telegraph. Three of the wells on the Tallman farm, from which the rigs were burned, were started up yesterday afternoon. On the tract above mentioned, the work of erecting new rigs in place of those destroyed was commenced yesterday.

Death of a Boston Shipmaster.

From the Boston Transcript, July 10.

Captain WILLIAM HENRY WILSON, a well-known and esteemed shipmaster of this city, died at the Revere House last night, after a long and painful illness, which he bore with great patience, fortitude and resignation. He was a native of Salem, where he was born Jan. 1, 1809. He was fitted for College, but preferred to follow the calling of his father, and first sailed as cabin-boy in a Salem ship. The education and intelligence of young WILSON soon secured his promotion from the forecastle, and in early manhood he was placed in command of the ship *Lowell* by the late HENRY OXNARD, in whose service he continued many years. At different times he commanded the ships *Nantasket*, *Scotia*, *Alhambra*, *Michael Angelo*, *James Brown* and *Winfield Scott*. In these seven vessels he crossed the Atlantic upward of a hundred and forty times, made several voyages to Australia, the Mediterranean, Calcutta, the Pacific Ocean, &c. He was such an able navigator, that during the twenty-four years of his active career he only called upon the underwriters in a single instance, and the damage then was less than $600.

An Affray in Cherry-Street—Two Men Stabbed.

About 10 o'clock last evening, JOHN MULANEY, a well-known character of the Seventh Ward, was at No. 55 Cherry-street very much intoxicated, or more exactly in the condition known as "fighting drunk," and, being very disorderly, was causing a great disturbance in the neighborhood. His antics finally attracted the attention of Officer GEORGE W. GIBSON, of the Seventh Precinct, who seized upon the drunken man with the intention of taking him to the Madison-street Station-house. But MULANEY instantly attacked the officer with a knife, and inflicting a severe gash on his arm, broke away from him. DANIEL KELLY, a citizen residing at No. 145 Cherry-street, hastily attempted to arrest MULANEY, but he fared worse than the officer, as he received wounds in the arm and side. The desperado then fled from the scene, and for the time escaped, but as he is well known will probably be arrested. The wounded men were taken to the Station-house, where their wounds were dressed by Police Surgeon BLIVING.

Death Under Suspicious Circumstances.

Last evening about 6:30 o'clock great excitement was occasioned in Morris and Essex Railroad-avenue, Newark, by a report that the wife of JAMES BLAZERLY had been found murdered in her apartments in house No. 46, and that the husband had not been seen since morning. The County Physician, Dr. DODD, and Chief of Police CLARKE were immediately notified, and proceeded to investigate the case. Upon entering the place, they found the table overturned, and everything in the room in disorder, indicating that there had been a severe struggle. In the next room they found Mrs. BLAZERLY lying dead upon the floor. Dr. DODD made an examination and was so well satisfied that the woman, who was of very intemperate habits, died in a fit. Later in the evening the missing BLAZERLY returned home.

THE TURF.

The Fashion Course, L. I.—American Girl and Lady Thorn Tried for a Purse of $2,500.

To-day the two most celebrated and fastest trotters in America contend for the sovereignty of the turf and a purse of $2,500, in a race of mile heats, three in five, in harness, on the Fashion Course, L. I. Since the retirement of the world-renowned *Dexter* from the trotting turf, of which he was the undisputed monarch, *Lady Thorn* has been looked upon as his legitimate successor, and during two seasons she has successfully and triumphantly maintained her right to the honors of the position. In the early part of the present season a new rival appeared in Mr. LOVELL's promising young mare *American Girl*, who last year had made and defeated much acknowledged great horses as *George Wilkes*, *Hardy Leland*, *Goldsmith Maid* and others, on different occasions. When she threw down the gauntlet to *Lady Thorn* this Spring, and her owner boldly matched her against the "Queen of the Turf," for two races of mile heats, in harness and to wagon, for $2,000 each race, he was regarded as a man without judgment, whose prejudice in favor of his mare had led him into flying at too high game, and that he would certainly be defeated in both races. Nevertheless, he backed his mare heavily in both races, and it was to new little doubt that she would have won both had she been in the hands of a capable driver and driver. Removed from the charge of a professional, she astonished the world by coming out and beating a large field of first-class horses at Prospect Park, and in capital time, the third heat being trotted in 2:20. Her plucky owner in this race recouped all his previous losses, and won six famous stake, for, retaining unbated his confidence in his mare, he backed her spiritedly for this race. But her bright-eyed triumph was still to come, for at Narragansett Park, two weeks ago, she beat a strong field of horses, among which was her present opponent, *Lady Thorn*, in three heats, the second of which was trotted in 2:19, the fastest time ever made in a public race; beating by three-quarters of a second *Flora Temple's* record, for a long time unequaled record, and equaling *Dexter's* famous Boston time. In justice to *Lady Thorn*, it must be stated that *Lady Thorn* in consequence of her trainer, DAN PHINEY, being laid up with rheumatism, was not quite fit, not having been exercised for a week previous, and she was driven by one who had never pulled a rein over her before. The third heat was very close, and many good judges maintain *Lady Thorn* would have won if her stride had not been broken at the head of the stretch by the driver of *American Girl* touching her to the extreme outside. The race to-day, however, will decisively test the merits of the two competitors, and we expect to see the Fashion Course patronized by the largest assemblage that has been witnessed on it for many years.

FASHION COURSE, L. I.—July 10, match $2,500, mile heats, best three in five, in harness.

J. Chambers's b. g. Twist	1 1 1
M. Roden's b. g. Young Commodore	2 2 2

Time—2:44, 2:40, 2:51.

Arrest of a Confidence Operator.

GEORGE HAMMERSLEY, of No. 144 Bleecker-street, was arrested yesterday by Officer POTTS, of the Eighth Ward, on a charge of having swindled A. LOEBER, of No. 13 North William-street, by means of a bogus check on the Traders' National Bank. He purchased a showcase valued at $60, and gave a check for $140 in receiving the change and $5 as commission, as he pretended to be purchasing for LEWIS & COGGER, of No. 601 Broadway. The prisoner freely admitted his guilt, and stated that there would probably be a dozen complaints against him before the case was ended.

Fire in a Drug Store by Spontaneous Combustion.

About 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon a fire occurred in the drug store of CORNELIUS BADLEY, at No. 631 Market-street, Newark. It was caused by spontaneous combustion of a quantity of phosphorus, which ignited a quantity of lamp black. The store was filled with a dense smoke, which nearly suffocated the officers who effected an entrance and extinguished the fire. The damage amounts to several hundred dollars, mostly by smoke.

LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF.

New-York.

The first annual picnic of the Bethany Chapel, corner of Eighty-first-street and Eleventh-avenue, will take place to-morrow at Burnam's Grove, Seventy-ninth-street, near Broadway. The grove is beautifully situated near the bank of the river, and free from any intrusion of disorderly persons; so that all who may favor the school with their presence may rest assured that no pains will be spared to facilitate the enjoyment of all. The Committee have made arrangements for a collation and other refreshments, which will be served on the grounds. The Eighth-avenue cars to Eighty-fourth-street will run regularly throughout the day.

JAMES SOWDEN, of No. 290 East Twenty-ninth-street, attempting, yesterday afternoon, at Williamsbridge, to get a Harlem Railroad car after the train had started, fell under the wheels, which passed over his left leg, crushing it below the knee. He was brought to the City and sent to Bellevue Hospital.

CATHARINE ROGERS, of No. 209 West Twenty-sixth-street, was badly burned yesterday by an explosion of kerosene which she was pouring from a can upon the fire in the stove.

At noon yesterday a fire broke out in a lot of hay on the second floor of the building No. 228 West Forty-first-street, occupied by DANIEL COLLEAN as a dwelling and hay-loft. Damage to furniture $100, and to the building $300.

About 5 o'clock last evening the yacht *Lilla*, of the Columbia Yacht Club, capsized in North River, off the foot of Forty-second-street, with eleven persons on board, all of whom were precipitated into the water. Captain BARNES, with the Weehawken ferry-boat *L

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

The week just closed was one of the lightest of the season. The Fourth of July celebrations interfered considerably, and but few pieces of property were offered. The sale at Rye was particularly successful, and confirms the opinion previously expressed in this column, that, although the great excitement is over, the majority of purchasers satisfied, and the regular hot weather lull fairly commenced, yet for good, desirable lots, liberally advertised and sold on favorable terms, there is yet a market. There are may people yet ready to buy, but they have traveled so extensively, and examined so much property, as to be now a little fastidious and hard to please. It is useless to try to palm off on them any poor lots. Prices has made them perfect, and they are now fully able to judge for themselves.

The sales for the week were as follows:

New-York improved property	$[illegible]
Brooklyn improved property	[illegible]
Brooklyn unimproved property	1,400
Country improved property	15,000
Country unimproved property	27,150
Total for the week ending July 12	$115,[illegible]

The sales for the previous week were:

New-York improved property	$[illegible]
New-York unimproved property	10,000
Country improved property	7,750
Country unimproved property	49,000
Total for week ending July 5	$[illegible]
Total for week ending July 12	115,[illegible]
Total for the month of January	1,[illegible]
Total for the month of February	2,[illegible]
Total for the month of March	14,[illegible]
Total for the month of April	7,[illegible]
Total for the month of May	1,[illegible]
Total for the month of June	1,[illegible]
Grand total	$[illegible]

The feature of the present week is the sale of 200 very beautiful villa plots to be made on Wednesday at West Roselle, N. J., by Messrs. A. D. MILLICK, Jr., & BRO. A more beautiful region than that on the line of the Central Railroad of New-Jersey can scarcely be found. The land is high and rolling, gently sloping to the Rahway River. The soil, a rich sandy loam, easily cultivated, and yielding most luxuriantly. The immediate vicinity of West Roselle, where these villa plots are located, is within a few minutes' walk of Rahway River—furnishing at this point fine facilities for boating, fishing and bathing. On the property are beautiful wooded groves within a few minutes' walk of the most desirable plots. Here one may find combined all the attractions of a country home, and yet reach the centre of business in the City of New-York in less time than those residing on the island above Twenty-third-street. The railroad company, themselves large land owners in the State, are interested in the rapid development of towns and villages along the line of their road, and offer residents and purchasers every facility of frequent trains and cheap commutation. Roselle, within a few minutes' walk of the plots now offered for sale, is one of the many beautiful suburban villages in which the company, as landowners, are largely interested. The increase in the value of property at this place has been very great. Three years ago Roselle, now a suburb of the flourishing City of Elizabeth, was laid out; plots that then sold for $100 and $150, are now readily selling from $600 to $1,000 per plot, according to location. Where three years ago only two or three farm houses could be seen, now handsome residences, churches and public schools, on broad avenues, strike the admiring eye. The property offered for sale is within ten minutes' walk of Roselle depot, and still nearer to the depot at Cranford, a beautiful village, containing, as does Roselle, excellent schools and churches. Land has been given for the erection of a depot immediately contiguous to these plots, and the depot, when completed, will be within five minutes' walk of a purchaser's home. One feature of this sale which is very commendable and deserves special mention, is the particularly favorable terms offered to purchasers. They are as follows: Auctioneers' fees and ten per cent. on day of sale; thirty per cent. within thirty days, or on delivery of deed, and sixty per cent. on bond and mortgage for three years; or if desired, auctioneers' fees and ten per cent. on day of sale, and thereafter $10 per month or $25 per quarter on deferred payments. A special train will leave the foot of Liberty-street, via Central Railroad Ferry, at 11 A. M. on the day of sale. Free passes may be had at the auctioneer's office, No. 28 Pine-street; at the store of J. O. SEYMOUR, KENNARD & HAY, No. 29 Liberty-street; of FRANK GARRETT, Agent United States Express Company, Long Dock, Jersey City, and of John H. PLATT, Hudson City.

BROOKLYN REAL ESTATE.

FOR SALE—IN CUMBERLAND-ST., OPposite Washington Park, Brooklyn, an Swe-story brown-stone first-class house; all improvements modern. Terms easy. E. B. JACKSON, on premises.

COUNTRY REAL ESTATE.

AT RUTHERFORD PARK, N. J.—A CHOICE BUILDING PLOTS, close to the depot, 45 minutes by Erie Railway from City, for SALE by the MOUNT RUTHERFORD COMPANY, as private sale only. Apply to R. H. BARROWS, Superintendent of Rutherford Park, or BLAUVELT & OGILBY, No. 187 Broadway.

FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE.—A sweet place in the heart of Bergen County, New-Jersey, about two acres neatly laid out; stable, fine stable, house stock, twelve cows; poultry of fruit; 15 minutes from Hoboken; 20 minutes from New-York; 14 hours. Would trade for house above 23d-st., between 4th and 7th ave., with about $20,000. My place worth $[illegible]; would trade for city property. Address L. Box No. 4a Post Office.

LOTS FOR SALE AND MONEY LOANED TO BUILD ON THEM, on a liberal plan, for persons of limited means to acquire a home in an improving and desirable neighborhood upon easy terms. The subscriber will SELL 100 LOTS at FLATBUSH, on the BROOKLYN boundary line, only by blocks from PROSPECT PARK, adjacent to several city railroads, and but a short distance from the proposed Ferry, upon the following terms, viz.:

Price of each lot, front 20 feet by 100 deep, $[illegible] per month, with interest, till paid for. If you take one bought at per cent, and if more, 10 per cent. of the purchase money cash, balance for five years at seven per cent.

To those who wish to improve within one year he will sell lots for five years, with the privilege of paying in instalments, as seven per cent. one-half of the cost of the improvement.

This property must become attractive and very desirable for private dwellings, as the subject to the following restrictions, viz.: No dwellings costing less than $2,000 are permitted to be erected. All saloons and other noxious trades on the property will be opened at the expense of the owner. Apply to F. PECARE, No. 200 Broadway, Room No. 15.

FOR SALE—AT RUTHERFORD PARK, N. J., at station forty minutes from City Hall, a small cottage, eight rooms. Price $2,800. Inquire on premises. Also, a fine large mansion, with ten City lots. Price $10,000. Apply at Park Land Office, Rutherford Park, or to C. BLACKISTON, No. 38 Liberty-st., New-York. Also, desirable building plots for sale.

FOR SALE—AT SUMMIT, N. J., A VERY desirable country seat; four acres of land, well stocked with young fruit; good garden; modern built house and great outbuildings. The site commands a good view of the surrounding country for miles in each direction. Price $15,000. Inquire of W. POWELL, at Pacific Mutual Ins. Co.'s, No. 170 Broadway.

VIRGINIA PROPERTIES.—TRUMAN, of no 40,000 acres choice farming and timber land in Virginia, which is offered at $1 per acre, can be conferred with at Brandreth House, Room No. 102, on all Monday evenings, from 7 to 9 o'clock, or by mail to the attention of capitalists of those enlarging Southern lands.

FOR SALE AT HORSEHEADS, WESTchester County, a double cottage, 11 rooms, and three lots of ground, on the corner near the Hotel road; plenty of fruit; good well of water. Inquire on the premises, Spring-st., Horseheads, 41½ miles, first house from the Station road.

ORANGE, N. J.—VILLAS, VILLA SITES and farms, a great variety, by Delaware and one hour from N. Y., for sale low. Also, country seats and houses to let for the season, or year, by BLACKWELL & SMITH, 189 Broadway, N. Y., 9 to 11 A. M., Orange, corner Main and Cross-sts., 1 to 5 P. M.

DWELLINGS TO LET.

TARRYTOWN, ON THE HUDSON.—Until Sept. 1, a furnished house, Tremont, commodious, slightly elevated on Broadway, between Tarrytown and Irvington, near the river, beautifully shaded, new barn, three stalls, with numerous out-buildings; fruit and shade trees; rent, $[illegible]; possession immediately. Address low to a careful tenant. W. C. WILKINSON.

For further information apply to R. W. HATCH, No. 239 Broadway.

COUNTRY RESIDENCE TO LET. Furnished, or for sale, with ten to thirty acres of land, located near Riverdale, six miles from Central Park; large house, entirely healthy, with elegant surroundings. Apply at No. 24 Wall-st. J. ODELL.

BUSINESS CHANCES.

$25,000.—SPECIAL PARTNER WANTED.—House extensively known; sole agents for three factories; business cash, very profitable and safe. Address INVESTIGATION, Box No. 131 Times Office.

REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION.

O. H. PERRY, Auctioneer.

THE GREATEST BARGAIN OF THE YEAR. TERMS OF PAYMENT, ONLY $10 A MONTH, OR $30 A QUARTER.

A. D. MILLICK, JR., & BROTHER, (AUCTIONEERS) No. 20 Pine-st., New-York, will positively sell, without limit, 200 plots, Sixty each, AT WEST ROSELLE, N. J., On WEDNESDAY, July 14, at 1 P. M., on the premises. These lots are on high rolling ground, within a few minutes' walk of two railroad depots, the Central Railroad of New-Jersey and the Rahway River, in a neighborhood rapidly improving, and distant only forty minutes from New-York. Special train leaves foot of Liberty-st. at 11 A. M. on day of sale. Collation on the ground. Free image, full particulars and free passes, apply at the office of the auctioneers, No. 20 Pine-st., New-York; J. O. Seymour, Kennard & Hay, No. 29 Liberty-st.; of Frank Garrett, Agent U. S. Express Co., Long Dock, Jersey City, and of John H. Platt, Hudson City. The train will stop at Connecticut-st.

A. J. BREWER, Auctioneer.

LONG BRANCH VILLA PLOTS AT AUCTION. ANTHONY G. BLEECKER will sell 20 SPLENDID VILLA LOTS, 50x150 each, ON MONDAY, JULY 12, 1869, at Long Branch Park, Long Branch, N. J. The plots are open to A. T. Bleecker, Sen. & Co., No. 1 Pine-st., and J. W. Morris, auctioneer, Long Branch, N. J.

STORES, &C., TO LET.

TO LET—IN THE TIMES BUILDING, NO. 41 Park-row, a spacious, well-lighted room, in good condition, on the fourth floor. Inquire of JOHN IRELAND, Chatham Village Office.

TO LET, LEASE OR EXCHANGE—Two lots, 25 feet front each, on Hudson River, Albany, Batavia, Buffalo, for sale or exchange. G. LESPINASSE, No. 5 Pine-st.

DESK-ROOM TO LET—NO. 5 BEEKman-st., Room No. 7, First floor.

DRY GOODS.

JAMES McCREERY & CO., SUCCESSORS TO LAKE & MCCREERY, BROADWAY AND ELEVENTH-ST., HAVE MADE A GREAT REDUCTION OF PRICES IN THEIR LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S FURNISHING DEPARTMENT.

LADIES' BLACK SILK WALKING SUITS, $60; REDUCED FROM $100.
LADIES' HANDSOME PONGEE AND POPLIN SUITS, $35; REDUCED FROM $60;
LADIES' ORGANDIE WALKING SUITS, $6; REDUCED FROM $12 50.
LADIES' WHITE WALKING SUITS, $10; REDUCED FROM $12 50.
LADIES' COLORED WALKING SUITS, $12; REDUCED FROM $15.
LADIES' LINEN WALKING SUITS, $6 50; REDUCED FROM $8.
LADIES' WHITE TRAIL SUITS, $15; REDUCED FROM $18.
LADIES' PLAIN MUSLIN SKIRTS, $1.
LADIES' TUCKED MUSLIN SKIRTS, $1 25.
LADIES' COTTON DRAWERS, TUCKED AND RUFFLED, 75c.
LADIES' FRENCH PERCALE ROBES, $5.
CHILDREN'S LINEN DRESSES, HANDSOMELY BRAIDED, $1.

JAMES McCREERY & CO., BROADWAY AND ELEVENTH-ST., ON MONDAY, JULY 12, WILL ADD TO THEIR POPULAR STOCK OF MOURNING GOODS, A SPLENDID LINE OF BLACK IRON GRENADINES, IN ALL WIDTHS, AT VERY ATTRACTIVE PRICES. ALSO, ONE CASE OF SEASIDE POPLINS, AT 30 CENTS PER YARD, (A GREAT BARGAIN.)

JAMES McCREERY & CO., BROADWAY AND ELEVENTH-ST. REDUCTION OF PRICES IN CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT.

BOYS' PIQUE SUITS, $5, REDUCED FROM $6.
BOYS' PIQUE SACQUES, $3, REDUCED FROM $7.
MISSES' PIQUE SUITS, $5, REDUCED FROM $9.
MISSES' PIQUE DRESSES, $3, REDUCED FROM $5.
MISSES' PIQUE SACQUES, $3, REDUCED FROM $7.

JAMES McCREERY & CO., BROADWAY AND ELEVENTH-ST., HAVE REDUCED THEIR ENTIRE STOCK OF SUMMER SHAWLS, COMMENCING WITH PLAIN WHITE SHAWLS, $1 25, WORTH $2 50. FANCY STRIPED SHAWLS, $2 50, WORTH $5. ALSO A FULL ASSORTMENT OF BURNOUS FROM $4 50 UPWARD.

AT KINZEY'S, CLOSING OUT SPRING AND SUMMER GOODS, GREAT BARGAINS.

STRAW GOODS.
LOT OF ROUND HATS, 10c., 15c., 25c.
STRAW SUN-HATS, 25c.
ORDERED FRENCH BONNETS, $2.
FINE NEAPOLITAN BONNETS, $3.
FINE NEAPOLITAN HATS, 50c.

RIBBON DEPARTMENT.
QUANTITIES OF RIBBONS, 6c., 10c., 12½c.
WIDE BONNET RIBBONS, 5c., 20c., 25c.
EXTRA QUALITIES at 25c., 31c.
RICH SASH RIBBONS, 25c., 12½c.
QUANTITIES OF RIBBONS AT 6c.

TRIMMING DEPARTMENT.
MARSEILLES TRIMMINGS, 25, 50, 75c. piece.
LOTS OF FRINGES, 12c. to 50c. piece.
SILK TRIMMING, 25c. to 75c. piece.
AUCTION TRIMMINGS, 5c. to 50c. piece.

PARASOLS BELOW COST.
SILK PARASOLS, 50c. UP.

AUCTION LOTS.
GENTS' CAMBRIC TIES, 6c. to 10c.
GENTS' SILK TIES, 10c. to 25c.
BATIN BOWS, 12½c. to 25c.
SILK CHEMISETTES, 124c.

HOSIERY AND GLOVE DEPARTMENT.
AUCTION LOT OF HOSIERY, 11c. to 25c. pair.
AUCTION LOT OF GLOVES, 124c. to 50c. pair.

FANCY GOODS DEPARTMENT.
CLARK'S BEST COTTON, 7c.
BEST 100-YARD MACHINE SILK, 11c.
10,000 INVISIBLE NETS, 6c.
BOLIA OF WHITE TWILLED TAPE, 2c.
JET AND RUBBER BETS, 15c., 25c. and 50c.
LOTS OF BREASTPINS, 5c., 10c. and 25c.
5,000 LINEN FANS, 5c. to 12c.
500 FINE CARVED IVORY FANS, 25c.
2,000 FINE SANDALWOOD AND SILK FANS.

HANDKERCHIEF DEPARTMENT.
5000 DOZENS HANDKERCHIEFS, 5c. to 124c.
HEMSTITCH HANDKERCHIEFS, 10c. 124c. to 25c.
NEEDLEWORK HANDKERCHIEFS, 12c. to 75c.
IMITATION POINT LACE DO., 25c.
6,000 VAL. LACE HANDKERCHIEFS, 40c.

NEEDLEWORK DEPARTMENT.
25,000 LADIES' LINEN COLLARS, 5c.
10,000 PAIRS LINEN CUFFS, 10c.
1,000 DOZEN LINEN SETS, 10c., 15c., 25c.
15,000 PRINTED FLOUNCINGS, 12½c.
7,000 YARDS VESTIBULE LACES, 12½c. to 25c.
7,000 LACE COLLARS, 10c. to 50c.
1,000 PIECES OF RUFFLINGS, 5c.
SOME OF GOODS CLOSING OUT. AUCTION LOTS VERY LOW.

WM. KINZEY, 645 BROADWAY, THIRD DOOR ABOVE BLEECKER-ST.

R. H. MACY, You will find all Summer a full assortment of HOUSE KEEPING and HOUSE FURNISHING GOODS, WHITE GOODS, LACES, EMBROIDERIES, RIBBONS, HOSIERY, FANCY GOODS, SMALL WARES, MILLINERY GOODS, &c., AT POPULAR PRICES, at R. H. MACY'S, 14th-st. and 6th-av.

MOURNING GOODS. CLOSING OUT OF THE SPRING AND SUMMER STOCK OF IRON GRENADINES, EYEBANTINES, MUSLINS, BOMBAZINES, CRAPE CLOTH, TAMISE, ALPACAS, &c., AT GREATLY-REDUCED PRICES. SUITS READY MADE AND TO ORDER ON SHORT NOTICE. JACKSON'S MOURNING STORE, No. 461 Broadway.

AMERICANS VISITING PARIS CAN MAKE THEIR PURCHASES AT WHOLESALE PRICES, THROUGH C. H. A. CARTER, COMMISSION MERCHANT, No. 425 Grand Hotel. All orders from America, with drafts on Paris Bankers, carefully and promptly filled.

FINANCIAL.

Danville, Urbana, Bloomington and Pekin Railroad Company (OF ILLINOIS)

First Mortgage Seven per Cent. GOLD BONDS,

PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST PAYABLE IN GOLD AT THE FARMERS' LOAN AND TRUST COMPANY, NEW-YORK, COUPONS PAYABLE APRIL AND OCTOBER.

FREE OF GOVERNMENT TAX.

These Bonds are convertible into stock, at par, at the option of the holder, and may be registered in the name of the owner at Albany, Boston, Philadelphia or New-York. The road is 100 miles; total amount of bonds, $2,000,000, averaging less than $18,000 per mile, the bonds being secured by a First Mortgage on the whole road, equipment and entire property of the Company.

This road runs east and west on the line of the principal and oldest emigrant wagon road in the State, and connects several populous towns and cities, and the richest agricultural district in Illinois, which will furnish local business sufficient to make it a first-class paying road; while, with its connections with many principal lines, it should furnish much more than the interest on the bonds, and leave a surplus in the company. A glance at a map will convince any one that the prospects of this road are equal to any in the West.

The whole line has been built and equipped at a cost of $1,200,000, which has been paid with funds realized from stock subscriptions, and by new land, for the rails, which are now nearly paid down. The whole road will be completed and equipped by the first of November.

We offer a limited number of these bonds at 95 and accrued interest in currency, and recommend them as a safe and profitable investment.

Full particulars furnished on application.

TURNER BROTHERS, BANKERS, NO. 14 NASSAU-ST., NEW-YORK.

TOLEDO, PEORIA AND WARSAW RAILROAD COMPANY'S BONDS:

$50,000 First Mortgage, Eastern Division.
$50,000 First Mortgage, Western Division.
$50,000 Second Mortgage, Western Division.

For sale at CHEAPER RATES THAN ANY BONDS OF EQUAL VALUE NOW OFFERED IN THE MARKET. THESE BONDS ARE LIENS ON A COMPLETED ROAD, IN GOOD ORDER, WELL EQUIPPED AND EARNING, MONTHLY, DOUBLE ITS LAST YEAR'S RECEIPTS.

THOMAS DENNY & CO., No. 40 Wall-st., New-York.

FOR SALE—A LIMITED AMOUNT OF DES MOINES VALLEY RAILROAD EIGHT PER CENT. BONDS,

Due in 1877. Interest payable April and October, in this City. Knowing this to be a first-class investment, this mortgage being issued at the rate of only $14,000 per mile on a total length of 160 miles of road, we have to-day purchased all of the above bonds in the public. For particulars inquire of CHARLES A. HEIGS & SON, NO. 50 EXCHANGE-PLACE, (NEW-YORK.

DREXEL, WINTHROP & CO., NO. 32 WALL-ST., Issue letters of credit for TRAVELERS, Available in all the principal cities of Europe, through DREXEL, HARJES & CO., NO. 2 RUE SCRIBE, PARIS.

FIRST MORTGAGE LAND GRANT SINKING FUND SEVEN PER CENT. BONDS OF THE HOUSTON AND TEXAS CENTRAL RAILWAY COMPANY, PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST PAYABLE IN GOLD, IN NEW-YORK.

The undersigned offer to persons desiring a safe and profitable investment, a limited amount of the above Bonds at 95 per cent. and accrued interest in currency.

The Road runs by a direct line through a belt 6 per cent. per annum, and the mortgage now covers ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-FIVE MILES OF A THOROUGHLY WELL FINISHED AND EQUIPPED RAILROAD IN ACTIVE OPERATION, extending from Houston, Texas, in a northerly direction toward the Red River, where it connects with the Texas Pacific road, and by a branch line, which will furnish local business sufficient to make it a first-class paying road; while with its connections with many principal lines, it should furnish much more than the interest on the bonds, and leave a surplus in the company. A glance at a map will convince any one that the prospects of this road are equal to any in the West.

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TURNER BROTHERS, BANKERS, NO. 14 NASSAU-ST., NEW-YORK.

BOWLES BROTHERS & CO., BANKERS AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS, NO. 12 RUE DE LA PAIX, PARIS, No. 64 Pine-st., New-York; No. 70 State-st., Boston. Make advances on Approved securities and cash coupons on demand. Bills on the United States or Eng. Bank and Gold and Silver Coin bought and sold. Letters for Americans in Europe addressed to our care will be forwarded or delivered.

AUGUST BELMONT & CO., Issue Letters of Credit, for Travelers' use, on MESSRS. ROTHSCHILD, in Paris, London, Frankfort-on-the-Main, Vienna and Naples, and on their agents in the other cities of Europe; also, make Telegraphic transfers on CALIFORNIA AND EUROPE.

BROWN BROTHERS & CO., NO. 59 WALL-ST., Issue COMMERCIAL and TRAVELERS' CREDITS AVAILABLE in all PARTS of the WORLD.

OFFICE OF THE NEW-YORK AND MICHIGAN SOUTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY, CLEVELAND, OHIO, July 10, 1869.

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS.

You are hereby notified that a meeting of the stockholders (including the stockholders of the late Cleveland, Painesville and Ashtabula, Cleveland and Toledo, and Lake Shore and Michigan Southern and Northern Indiana Railroad Companies) will be held at the office of the Company, in Cleveland, in the state of Ohio, on the 28th day of August, 1869, at 10 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of taking into consideration and adopting or rejecting a lease for the consolidation of this Company with the Buffalo and Erie Railroad Company, and the Buffalo, New-York and Philadelphia Railroad Company, of Buffalo, N. Y., to Erie, in the state of Pennsylvania, which was entered into by the respective Boards of Directors of said Companies, on the 21st day of June, 1869.

The transfer books will be closed on the 10th day of July, 1869, at 3 o'clock P. M.

GEO. R. ELY, Secretary.

PACIFIC NATIONAL BANK.

Notice is hereby given that upon a vote duly taken, dated 8 of the 7th day of June, 1869, a vote was passed to reduce the capital stock of this association, which has been paid, and the said association go into liquidation and be closed, and that it is closing up its affairs accordingly. All noteholders and other creditors of the association are therefore hereby notified to present the notes and other claims against the association for payment.

JACOB CAMPBELL, President.

Dated New-York, May 25, 1869.

This Bank has been reorganized as a State Institution, and is conducting business as usual.

BUFFALO AND ERIE RAILROAD COMPANY, SECRETARY'S OFFICE, BUFFALO, July 3, 1869.

A MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS of the Buffalo and Erie Railroad Company will be held at the office of the Secretary, corner of Main and Swan sts., in the City of Buffalo, on TUESDAY, the 20th day of August next, at 11 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of taking into consideration an agreement entered into by the directors of this Company and the directors of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railway Company, contemplating a lease of the Buffalo and Erie property, and the proxies of stockholders thereof are hereby requested to be present at the meeting, and voting upon the question of ratifying or rejecting the said agreement.

The poll will be open at 11 o'clock A. M., and remain open two hours, or as much longer as may be necessary to receive the votes.

The transfer books will be closed at the office of the Railway Loan and Trust Company, in the City of New-York, at 3 o'clock P. M. of the 19th instant.

GEORGE H. CHASE, Secretary.

INTEREST ON CITY STOCKS.—THE Interest on the Bonds and Stocks of the Corporation of the City of New-York, due Aug. 1, 1869, will be paid MONDAY, Aug. 2, by Peter B. Sweeny, Esq., Chamberlain of the City, at his office in the new Court-house. The transfer books will be closed Saturday, July 3, 1869.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, NEW-YORK, CITY HALL, NEW YORK, June 9, 1869.

RICHARD B. CONNOLLY, Comptroller.

FOR SALE—NEW-YORK CITY RAILROAD Stocks and Bonds, Insurance and Bank Stocks. Also a large variety of other securities, paying good dividends at low rates for investments. Apply to ALBERT H. NICOLAY, Stock Broker and Auctioneer, No. 40 Pine-st.

N. B.—All securities not dealt in at the New-York Stock Exchange Boards receive special attention, as has been the custom with this house for many years.

LOST—A CHECK OF H. B. CLAFLIN & CO. Apr. 10, O. Ketcham, Jr., to Jas. Munroe & Co., for $22,352 50, payable in gold. The public are hereby cautioned against negotiating the same, as payment has been stopped. JOHN MUNROE & CO. JULY 9, 1869.

GOOD BONDS OR STOCKS WANTED in exchange for lots near Prospect Park and a fine brick house, with ten lots and stable, in settlement of an old debt. Address ESTATE, Box No. 6,181 Post Office.

FINANCIAL.

BANKING HOUSE OF JAY COOKE & CO. NEW-YORK, PHILADELPHIA AND WASHINGTON. NO. 114 WALL-ST., NEW-YORK.

We buy, sell and exchange, at most liberal rates, all issues of GOVERNMENT BONDS and bonds of Lake Superior and Mississippi Railroad Company, and execute orders for purchase and sale of STOCKS, BONDS AND GOLD.

WE NEGOTIATE RAILROAD AND MUNICIPAL LOANS, receive deposits, subject to check, allowing interest, and transact a general banking business. JAY COOKE & CO.

VERMILYE & CO., BANKERS, NOS. 16 AND 18 NASSAU-ST. DEALERS IN ALL ISSUES OF GOVERNMENT SECURITIES AND IN GOLD AND GOLD COUPONS.

CLOSING PRICES.

	Buy	Sell.		Buy	Sell.
Registered, 1881	113¼	113¾	5-20 Coupon, '62	117¼	117¾
Coupon, 1881	113	113¾	5-20 Coupon, '64	117¼	117¾
5-20 Regis., 1865	113	113	10-40 Regist'd	107¼	108¼
5-20 Coupon, '65	113¼	113	10-40 Coupon	108¼	108¾
5-20 Coupon, '67	113¼	113¾	Gold	134¾	135¼
5-20 Coupon, '68	113¼	113¾	U. S. Cur. Fdd.	106¾	108¾
5-20 Coupon, '66	113¼	113¾			
Jan. and July	113¼	117¾			

BUY AND SELL ON COMMISSION RAILWAY STOCKS, BONDS AND GOLD, MAKING LIBERAL ADVANCES. INTEREST ON DEPOSITS.

HATCH, FOOTE & CO BANKERS, AND DEALERS IN GOVERNMENT SECURITIES, GOLD, STOCKS, &c. Buy and Sell all issues of U. S. BONDS at MARKET RATES. No. 18 Wall-st., New-York.

ST. CHARLES BRIDGE FIRST MORTGAGE TEN PER CENT. BONDS,

TEN years to run, guaranteed by the North Missouri Railroad Company, payable semi-annually at the Bank of Commerce, New-York. AT PAR AND ACCRUED INTEREST.

NORTH MISSOURI FIRST MORTGAGE SEVEN PER CENT. BONDS, AT 85 AND INTEREST.

The undersigned are the authorized agents for the sale of the above securities, and recommend them as first-class investments. JAMESON, SMITH & COTTING, NOS. 11 AND 13 WALL-ST.

MUNROE & CO., AMERICAN BANKERS, NO. 7 RUE SCRIBE, PARIS. JOHN MUNROE & CO., NO. 8 WALL-ST., New-York. Issue Circular Letters of Credit for Travelers in all parts of Europe, &c. Exchange on Paris.

BLAKE, BROTHERS & CO., NO. 59 WALL-ST., NEW-YORK, AND NO. 84 STATE-ST., BOSTON. EXCHANGE ON LONDON, AND STERLING CREDITS. DEALERS IN COMMERCIAL PAPER. BUY AND SELL MASSACHUSETTS AND NEW-YORK STATE STOCKS, GOVERNMENT SECURITIES, STOCKS, BONDS AND GOLD. BROKERAGE STRICTLY ON COMMISSION.

SEVEN PER CENT. GOLD FIRST MORTGAGE CONVERTIBLE SINKING FUND BONDS. PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST PAYABLE IN GOLD. FIFTY YEARS TO RUN. FREE OF UNITED STATES TAX. Issued by the Burlington, Cedar Rapids and Minnesota Railway Company. These Bonds, at the price, yield in Currency over 12 per cent. per annum. A limited quantity only for sale before advancing the price. Full information furnished by HENRY LLEWS & CO., Financial Agents, No. 32 Wall-st., New-York.

DUBUQUE AND SIOUX CITY RAILROAD FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS.

Sealed proposals will be received by the undersigned at the office of the Company, No. 15 Pine-st., until 12 o'clock on the 12th day of July, when the same will be publicly opened for the sale to the undersigned for cancellation of $6,000 of the first mortgage bonds of the Dubuque and Sioux City Railroad Company. Bids must be made for a certain number of Pounds of finely sifted Bones, and will be required to present their bonds for payment at the office of the Company on the 15th day of July.

ISAAC H. KNOX, JAMES A. ROOSEVELT, Commissioners. NEW-YORK, July 5, 1869.

CITY OF BROOKLYN SEVEN PER CENT. BONDS. Maturing at various dates, for sale upon favorable terms by JAY COOKE & CO., Agents for the City.

COMPTROLLER'S OFFICE, CITY HALL, BROOKLYN, June 28, 1869.

PROPOSALS FOR $500,000 ASSESSMENT FUND BONDS OF THE CITY OF BROOKLYN.

Sealed proposals will be received at the Comptroller's office until Monday, the 12th inst., at 1 o'clock P. M., when the same will be publicly opened for the purchase of Bonds, to the amount of $500,000, issued under the Assessment Act of the City of Brooklyn, authorized by section 7 of chapter 160 Laws of 1869.

The bonds will bear interest at the rate of seven per cent. per annum, payable in gold on the 1st day of January and July in each year, and the principal will be released thereon at the date of the bond.

Each proposal should be sealed and indorsed "Proposal for Assessment Fund Bonds of the City of Brooklyn," and inclosed in a second envelope, addressed to the Comptroller.

The right is reserved on the part of the Comptroller to reject any or all bids, if in his judgment the interest of the City require it.

EVAN M. JOHNSON, Comptroller.

NEW-YORK, July 1, 1869.

TO THE HOLDERS OF THE FIRST MORTGAGE BONDS OF THE CUMBERLAND COAL AND IRON COMPANY:

The undersigned will receive proposals to the 15th inst. inclusive, at the office of Mr. Thos. Cock, Coal and Iron Company, corner of Broadway and Wall-st., for the sale to them of the whole or any part of the bonds of said Bonds, for the purpose of the Sinking Fund.

JAMES BROWN, JOHN E. WILLIAMS, LOWELL HOLBROOK.

OFFICE OF THE BENTON GOLD MINING COMPANY, No. 18 BROAD-ST., NEW-YORK.

A SPECIAL MEETING OF STOCKholders will be held at the office of the Company, on WEDNESDAY, the 14th inst., at 12 o'clock M., to devise means to liquidate the present pressing indebtedness of the Company. A full report will then be submitted.

By order of the Trustees. S. L. MILES, Secretary.

THE CREDITORS OF MARES & COHEN are requested to meet at the office of JARD & FURLONG, No. 36 Broadway, Room No. 16, on July 14, at 3 o'clock P. M., with a View of settlements of liabilities.

THE OFFICERS OF THE MEMPHIS, El Paso and Pacific Railroad Company have been definitely located at 90 Broadway, corner of Wall-st.

IRON WORKS.

Novelty Iron Works, NOS. 77 AND 83 LIBERTY-ST., CORNER BROADWAY, NEW-YORK. Plain and Ornamental Iron Work of all kinds for Buildings.

FURNITURE.

FURNITURE. The largest stock in the City. E. L. SOLOMON & SONS, Nos. 657 and 659 Broadway.

COPARTNERSHIP NOTICES.

MR. THEO. W. MORRIS RETIRES from our firm, and Mr. FRANK J. MORRIS and EDWIN E. LINEN become partners thereof from this date. THEO. W. MOODEUFF, MORRIS & CO. NEW-YORK, July 1, 1869.

DENTISTRY.

COLTON DENTAL ASSOCIATION (originated by the Colton) use no nitrous oxide gas, administer it to the most nervous patient, do nothing but what is in back, and the operations are all done for one price, so $5,000 patients testify. See their signatures at the office, No. 15 Cooper Institute.

MISCELLANEOUS.

TWO DOUBLE GLUE KETTLES FOR sale; capacity about 80 gallons each. To be seen at No. 204 Pearl-st., on stairs.

DIVIDENDS.

21ST DIVIDEND. OFFICE OF THE INVING FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, NEW-YORK, July 7, 1869. The Board of Directors have this day declared a semi-annual Dividend of Five per Cent. and the Government tax, payable on demand. JAMES M. WILSON, Secretary.

WILLIAMSBURG SAVINGS BANK, Corner of South 2d and 4th sts., Brooklyn, E. D., (late Williamsburg,) L. I. DIVIDEND NOTICE. Depositors are hereby notified that semi-annual interest at the rate of Six Per Cent. per annum on all sums of three dollars and upward, has been declared, three months on the 1st day of July will be paid to depositors on and after MONDAY, July 12, 1869. FREE FROM GOVERNMENT TAX. Interest not called for will be added to the credit of depositors as principal and draw interest from July 1. Deposits made on or before the 16th day of July will draw interest from the 1st. The Bank is open for business daily (Sundays and holidays excepted) from 10 o'clock A. M. until 3 o'clock P. M., and also on Monday and Saturday from 4 o'clock P. M. until 7 o'clock P. M. GEORGE RICARD, President. WILLIAM WALL, NATHANIEL BRIGGS, Vice-Presidents. SAMUEL W. TROBLOW, Secretary.

DIVIDEND. PEOPLE'S FIRE INSURANCE CO., NO. 224 CANAL-ST., NEW-YORK, June 28, 1869. CASH CAPITAL ..... $150,000. SURPLUS, JUNE 24, 1869 ..... 87,419. ASSETS ..... $237,419. The Board of Directors of the People's Fire Insurance Company have THIS DAY declared a semi-annual dividend of Six per Cent., free of Government tax, payable on and after July 1, 1869. The transfer books will be closed until that date. FRED. V. FRIGE, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE DELAWARE AND HUDSON CANAL COMPANY, NO. 7 NASSAU-ST., (CONFIDENTIAL BANK BUILDING,) NEW-YORK, June 28, 1869. SIXTY-NINTH DIVIDEND. The Board of Managers of this Company have this day declared the regular semi-annual Dividend of Five per Cent., free of Government tax, payable to the stockholders or their legal representatives, on and after the 1st day of August next, at the National Bank of Commerce in New-York. Transfer books will be closed from July 10 to Aug. 3, inclusive. CHARLES F. HART, Treasurer.

OFFICE HOWARD INSURANCE CO., NO. 65 WALL-ST., NEW-YORK, June 28, 1869. The Board of Directors have this day declared a SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF SIX PER CENT. FREE FROM GOVERNMENT TAX, payable on and after July 7, 1869. THEO. RIEHLER, Secretary.

MANHATTAN SAVINGS INSTITUTION, No. 644 BROADWAY, CORNER BLEECKER-ST., NEW-YORK, June 28, 1869. THIRTY-SEVENTH DIVIDEND.—The Trustees of this Institution have directed the semi-annual interest to be declared on the 1st inst. (by the rules entitled thereto,) at the rate of SIX PER CENT. per annum, payable on and after MONDAY, July 12, free of Government tax. The credit will be made under date of July 1; and if not withdrawn, will receive interest the same as a deposit of that date. E. J. BROWN, President. EDWARD SCHELL, Treasurer. C. F. ALVORD, Secretary.

STAR FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, No. 61 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, July 1, 1869. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THIS Company has this day declared a semi-annual dividend of FIVE PER CENT., free of all taxes, payable on demand. By order of the Board of Directors. GEORGE ELLIS, Cashier.

ELEVENTH WARD BANK, NEW-YORK, June 30, 1869. DIVIDEND.—A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND of Four (4) Per Cent. has been declared, free of all taxes, payable on and after the 10th of July next. The transfer books will remain closed from this date until July 10. CHAS. E. BROWN, Cash

SHIPPING.

ONLY DIRECT LINE TO BREMEN.

THE GENERAL STEAMSHIP AGENCY OF NEW-YORK AND HAVRE, GARLING'S LINE.

The splendid steamer ... will sail from Pier No. 3 North River, foot of Chambers-st., on SATURDAY, July 24, at 3 P.M.

Rates of passage reduced to $60, (wine included) TO BREMEN OR HAVRE, ... TO PARIS, including railway tickets, $14 and $75.

Also, steamer ... every 10 or 15 days, for Antwerp, ... Rotterdam, ... Hamburg, ... Copenhagen, ... Stockholm, ... Christiania, ... Gottenburg, ... Cronstadt, ... St. Petersburg, ... Riga, ... Reval, ... Dantzic, ... Pillau, ... Konigsberg, ... Memel, ... Cuxhaven, ... Havre, ... Bordeaux, ... Lisbon, ... Oporto, ... Cadiz, ... Malaga, ... Leghorn, ... Genoa, ... Marseilles, ... Barcelona, ... Alicante, ... Malta, ... Constantinople, ... Smyrna, ... Trebizond, ... Alexandria, ... Beirut, ... Jaffa, ... Cyprus, ... Rhodes, ... Candia, ... Syra, ... Patras, ... Corfu, ... Trieste, ... Fiume, ... Venice, ... Ancona, ... Naples, ... Palermo, ... Messina, ... Catania, ... Cagliari, ... Tunis, ... Tripoli, ... Bengasi, ... Alexandretta

HEMPSTEAD PLAINS.

Projects for the Purchase of a Romantic Swamp.

A "Desert to be Made Glad"—A "Wilderness to Blossom as the Rose."

Interesting Legendary History of Mr. Stewart's Proposed Purchase.

Two gentlemen, as the readers of the TIMES are aware, have very recently offered to purchase the large tract of untilled and unoccupied land on Long Island known as the Hempstead Plains. One of these is our fellow-citizen ALEXANDER T. STEWART, Esq., the other, Mr. HARVEY, of Tarrytown. The first offer was made by Mr. HARVEY, $42 per acre; but Mr. STEWART subsequently avowed his willingness to give $52 per acre for all this land that the town of Hempstead wished to dispose of. An agreement has already been entered into between Mr. HARVEY and the Commissioners appointed to make sale of the Plains, and that gentleman has deposited with the United States Trust Company, in this City, the sum of $20,000 as an evidence of his willingness to become the purchaser on the terms he proposed. The question of ratifying the contract made with him by the Commissioners is to be decided by the freeholders of Hempstead at an election to be held in that town on Saturday next, July 17. As Mr. STEWART's offer, if accepted, will swell the Hempstead town exchequer by about $97,500 more than would the ratification of the contract made with Mr. HARVEY, it is highly probable that the voters interested will decide against ignoring the agreement entered into by their Commissioners, and instruct those gentlemen to close with Mr. STEWART's proposition. The general feeling of the people is decidedly in favor of such a policy. The residents of Hempstead are that altogether satisfied to make the proposed sale to Mr. HARVEY, by reason of the fact that they are unaware as to what use he might put the lands after he becomes their proprietor. Rumor had it, at first, that he intended devoting the Plains exclusively to farming purposes, and was desirous of transforming them into a vast market-truck producing region. Subsequently, however, it was said that they would be used as a cemetery, and this idea did not at all suit the views of the townspeople, who could not see in the near proximity to their homes of a vast "city of the dead" anything calculated to appreciate their lands. Mr. STEWART has given every satisfaction to the people on this point, however, so far as his intention is concerned, by his letter to the editor of the Hempstead *Sentinel*, wherein he declares that his "only object in seeking to acquire these lands is to devote them to the usual purposes for which such lands, so located, should be applied—that is, open them by constructing extensive public roads; laying out the lands in parcels for sale to actual settlers, and erecting at various points attractive buildings and residences, so that a barren waste may speedily be converted into a population desirable in every respect as neighbors, tax-payers and as citizens." Mr. STEWART offers, also, another inducement for making the sale to him, by promising to pay the full amount of the purchase money in cash, on the delivery to him of the title deeds; whereas Mr. HARVEY's proposition is to let half of it remain on bond and mortgage.

WHERE AND WHAT THESE LANDS ARE.

The Plains in question comprise about 7,000 acres, lying north of the Town of Hempstead. The original tract, of which they form a part, was about 15,000 acres in extent, and the neighboring towns were joint proprietors in its ownership. These have pursued a different policy from that of the Hempstead people, and have, from time to time, made sale of their portions, so that they are now become fertile and productive farms. There has, for many years past, been a party in Hempstead desirous of following the example of their neighbors in this respect, but until 1867 there never could be a majority of votes obtained in favor of authorizing the sale. At the town election in that year the "sale" men effected a triumph by a majority of twenty-five votes, and the negotiations with Mr. HARVEY were the result. The productiveness of these lands is unquestioned. Although they have never been tilled, experimenters declare that they are unequalled in point of richness of soil, and are capable of producing crops of any kind known to this climate. The soil is of a black, loamy character, extending from four to six feet in depth. There are very slight undulations in some portions of the tract; but, for the most part, it may be said to be one vast level plain—such a region as one frequently sees in the Western prairie country. In traversing it, in fact, little imagination or effort is required for one to conceive himself canvassing over the broad prairies of Illinois. As far nearly as the eye reaches, he beholds wide and capacious plain, almost free from trees and shrubs, open and uncultivated. The numerous herds of cattle grazing upon its fresh and verdant surface, he may almost imagine, in contemplating the scene, to be the buffaloes of the Far West. The verdure and freshness of the grass, intermingled with white clover, which mantles the earth, is one of the peculiar and beautiful features of these Plains. They are surrounded on every side, and frequently penetrated by highly improved and fertile farms. The average width of the tract is two miles and a half, and its extent westward, in the direction of New-York, is not less than eight miles. The grass grown here is long and luxuriant, forming most excellent pasturage, to which purpose the Plains have been devoted from time immemorial. The absence of trees and bushes is owing, probably, to the destruction of those by the frequent occurrence of fires; or they may have been extinguished by the agency of the early settlers, or, possibly by the aborigines.

That fires were frequent here is proven by the fact that on the 17th of June an act was passed by the Colonial Assembly, entitled, "An Act to prevent the setting on fire or burning of old grass on Hempstead Plains," which, says the preamble of the act, "is frequently set on fire by several of the inhabitants, through folly and the gratification of their own wanton tempers and humors." Whoever named in the bill to extinguish the fires was: James Jackson, Mr. Cornwell, Nathaniel Seaman, Benj. Seaman, Obadiah Valentine, Thos. Williams, Peter Titus, Henry Willis, Jno. Pratt, Nath. Townsend, Jere. Robins, Thos. Powell, Saml. Jackson, Thos. Seaman, Jno. Mott, Jno. Whitson, Jno. Birdsall, Jno. Tredwell, Jr., Jas. Burtis and Caleb Carman, all of whom were then residents of the town of Hempstead.

No doubt exists that these Plains are capable, of successful and remunerative culture. If they were converted into fertile and productive farms, the population of the island would be greatly augmented, while their inexhaustible products would pour a vastly-increased supply into the ever-hungry maws of New-York and Brooklyn. The same care and cultivation (although they would require less) which has imparted to other portions of Long Island unsurpassed fertility and high productiveness, would, if applied to these Plains, effect the same results.

EARLY HISTORY OF HEMPSTEAD PLAINS.

The first account we have of the transfer of this tract from the hands of the aborigines to those of white men, is contained in the old records of the town of Hempstead, whereby it appears that the Indians of Massapequa, Marioke and Rockaway sold it to the Dutch West India Company, Jan. 15, 1639, reserving to themselves the right of planting maize, hunting and fishing. The tract sold at this time embraced, also, the site of the present town. As the Government of New-Netherlands, however, claimed a proprietary interest in all this section of Long Island, as well as the ownership of all unsettled lands on Manhattan Island, the subsequent purchasers, in 1640, applied to WILHELMUS KIEFT, then Governor of New-Amsterdam, for a patent granting them a right to the lands bought from the Indians, which patent was given them. The first settlers in the vicinity came from the young colony of New-Haven, who formerly resided on the Connecticut shore. In 1643 these settled in Hempstead, on lands bought from the Dutch West India Company. No mention is made of Governor KIEFT's patent was granted. By the terms of it they were to pay to the Dutch Government, after ten years, one-tenth of the revenue arising from the lands worked by plow or hoe, or to make such proportionate payment in butter and cheese as was demanded from the other towns on Long Island.

The early settlers seem to have had much trouble with their Indian neighbors. In the colonial history of New-York we find narrated the following:

"1655, AUG. 21.—Delegates from Hempstead appeared at New-York, who say the answer sent them was being hired by Indians from the Main (Connecticut) to make an attack on the people of Hempstead. The Director, with the Council, has ordered to go there in a yacht and mountain from the Indians if the report be true, and take with him a piece of cloth and some trifles for the Chief, and offer a year's well disposedness."

"1655, SEPT. 14.—The Indians on the Main, proceeding hence from the whites, came over to Long Island, little remained of Marioke, slaughtered and drove off the cattle of the Hempstead people. The damage was more than 1,000 guilders."

"1655, MAY 15.—Daily complaints reach us from Hempstead Plains about the Indians, that they intend to rout the Dutch, and that the house and plantation of WILLIAM HALLETT have been laid waste. It behooves the English to separate from the Dutch. Governor STUYVESANT desires that the English and he may go together and keep good watch. He will spare some soldiers if they need them."

The settlers appear to have been under multiform governments in those early days. At first they were governed by the Dutch of the Netherlands, but subsequently, when the English came into possession, in 1664, this rule was abolished and British law substituted. In 1673, the Dutch having reconquered the Territory, the old laws were reestablished, only to be again done away with in 1674, when the colony was surrendered to the Duke of YORK. According to the records, it appears that in 1665, NICOLLS, the English Governor, convened an assembly at Hempstead from all the towns on Long Island, at Hempstead, to hear what complaints they had to make, and hear various townspeople, and to decide on some plan of action for mutual defence against the Indians. Religious toleration was not a feature of those days, as plainly appears by the following from the town records:

"1657, JULY 4.—THOMAS TEWKE and SAMUEL DEARING petition for leave to reside with seven families at Hempstead, and leave is also asked for ten families to settle at Matinecock. Granted, But they are to bring with them no Quakers or such like opinionated."

The following shows that deep animosity against the Indians was entertained:

"1671, AUG. 28.—The Householders of Hempstead are not to have a big land on the Plains for the Indians, nor assign them forests. All Indians at Rockaway, except such as are real residents, are forwarned to depart."

BAD FEELING BETWEEN THE DUTCH AND ENGLISH SETTLERS.

It appears that the Hollanders and the English did not agree well together. Bad feeling evidently existed between them. The subjoined extract is proof in point:

"1663, AUG. 21.—WM. LAWRENCE and other English from Oyster Bay are warned off the Dutch territories."

We are subsequently told that the planters at Oyster Bay desired to be annexed to the colony of New-Haven, and petitioned therefor; but there is no mention of the annexation having been accomplished. The vested interests of these Oyster Bay settlers in the Hempstead Plains seems to have been a question of dispute for many years. Even almost a century after the "forewarning" referred to, we find the following:

"1757, OCT. 23.—All persons in Oyster Bay claiming to have a right in Hempstead Plains will make it appear unto John Dorlan, James Birdsall, John Foster, Jesse Smith, Richard Ellison, Jr., John Williams, who are a Committee selected for the purpose, and appointed to lay it out."

The tide of emigration which had peopled the Island of Nassau, Suffolk, on the east end of the island, flowed from the New-England shores. Almost midway of the island it was met by the advancing wave of population from New-York, where the New-England current was deflected, and passed along the shore of Queens County. The wave from New-England reached as far as Flushing, while that from New-York swept past that point upon the southern plains to the east of Hempstead. The turbulent and placid streams of population (Puritan and Dutch) never mingled, and even at this day retain the characteristics of the race from which they sprang, or of the lands through which they flowed. Dissatisfaction began at an early period between the New-England settlers and their Dutch neighbors. Undoubtedly, the former acting under that mysterious influence, which seems to have been imparted to them for Providential purposes, were constantly pressing on to the West, without troubling themselves much as to who were the rightful owners of the land they might occupy. It would be difficult to characterize many of their settlements as anything less than direct and unjustifiable encroachments upon the territory of which the Dutch were not only the discoverers, but of which they were in actual possession. We find, however, that the staid Hollander, ever desirous of peace and quietude, was, for the most part, willing to cede his right rather than live in turmoil with his more impetuous and fiery Anglo-Saxon neighbor.

REVOLUTIONARY HISTORY OF HEMPSTEAD.

Coming down to the Revolutionary era, it appears that the Hempstead people and those of the section of country round about were intensely Tory in their feelings. In fact, Queens County seems to have been the stronghold of the royalists during the struggle for Liberty. While the north side of Long Island glowed with a fervid desire for freedom and independence, the south side of Queens County was either cold and impassive, or intensely loyal to the British crown. At a public meeting held in Jamaica, Jan. 17, 1775, when the revolutionary feeling was beginning to assert itself elsewhere throughout the Island, it was resolved: "That we always have been, and it is our firm resolution to remain a peaceable and faithful subjects to his present Majesty King GEORGE the Third, our most gracious Sovereign." As an index to the popular sentiment among these people, it may be stated that, of the 160 freeholders composing this meeting, 146 voted for this resolution. The Hempstead people met on the 4th of April in the same year, and, by a very large majority, put themselves on the record thus:

"Resolved, That we are utterly averse to all mobs, riots and illegal and revolutionary proceedings by which the peace and property of our fellow-subjects are endangered, and that we will to the utmost of our power, support our legal Magistrates in suppressing all riots, and in preserving the peace of our liege sovereign."

The rampant Toryism of these people attracted the attention of the Colonial authorities, and we find that the following order was subsequently issued:

IN PROVINCIAL CONGRESS,
NEW-YORK, Jan. 26, 1776.

"Whereas, This Congress has received unquestionable information that a number of disaffected persons in Queens County have lately repaired with arms and ammunition from on board the *Asia* (British man-of-war, and are arraying themselves in military manner to oppose the measures taking by the United Colonies for the defence of their rights and liberties. Ordered that (of Hempstead) Justice Gilbert Willis, Col. Daniel Kissam, Maj. Captain Jacob Mott, Thos. Dowell, Gabriel C. Ludlow, Richard Hewlett, Captain Thomas Hicks, Capt. Jacob Martin and Justice Samuel Clowes, being charged as principal actors therein, disaffected in said county, do attend this Congress at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning next, the 30th inst., to give an account of their behaviour in the premises."

IN CONVENTION'S Resolution in favor of Queens County we find it stated that "Hempstead was selected as one of the outposts by the British, and as convenient quarters for their light-horse, who would be near the City in case of attack, and could make excursions to gather forage, &c., for the City, and scour the country when the rebels landed from the main (Connecticut). The streets were garnished with sentry-boxes, and the horse patrolled for miles around."

Governor LYON, writing to Lord GEORGE GERMAIN, under date of New-York, Dec. 24, 1776, says: "On the 20th I reviewed the militia (Tory) at Hempstead Plains, where 500 men were mustered, to all of whom I had, in my presence, an oath of allegiance and fidelity administered. * * * I had the satisfaction of observing among them a general return of confidence in Government. A very large majority of the inhabitants of Queens County have, indeed, steadfastly maintained their loyal principles."

What is known as the "Swamp Battle," or a hunt for Tories by the patriot minute men under STEPHEN RIDER, took place June 21, 1777, just south of the Plains. In connection with the account given of it, we find the following interesting document:

List of prisoners sent from Hempstead by Lt. Col. Garrison, of New-Windsor, to Brig. Gen. Greene, at headquarters, Long Island, June 24, 1776:

J. D., J. M.—Been Jamaica Jail.
C. C.—Received pardon and absconded in the woods.
A. A.—Disabled person, taken in the woods.
J. L.—Found with his gun charged.
B. F.—In the swamp in the fight and had powder from the man-of-war.
E. R.—In the woods, bad.
R. S.—In the swamp battle, and had powder from the *Asia*.
J. R.—A disabled person.
D. S.—In the swamp battle.
R. R.—Hid in the swamp.
J. C.—Same, disabled person.
N. R.—Received pardon from the *Asia*, skulked in the woods, and appears to know much of the affair.
E. W.—A d—d proud and the greatest Tory.
W. McC., T. F., J. P., P. W., R. T.—Declared they would sooner fight for the King than the Congress, and totally deny the authority of that body.
J. C.—Supposed to be an informer.
H. D.—Said General WASHINGTON was more concerned in the conspiracy than any one.

Yellow Fever at Quarantine.

The bark *Rebecca Carvana*, Captain LIBERGANG, nine days from Matanzas, arrived last evening at Lower Quarantine, having on board several cases of yellow fever. Four of the crew died on the passage from Matanzas, and on arrival one passenger and one or two of the men were found to be suffering from the disease. Captain O'ROURKE, Superintendent of the Quarantine Hospital, also reports that THOMAS MCCORD, a seaman from the bark *Valleyria*, which arrived from Havana on the 7th inst., died yesterday of yellow fever on board the hospital-ship *Illinois*. The remaining patients from the *Saratoga*—JAMES H. GERAUD, Paymaster; R. ANDERSON, Quartermaster, and FRANK PRATT, apprentice—are said to be convalescing rapidly, and will be discharged from hospital in the course of a few days.

Another Counterfeiter Arrested.

Last evening JOHN FROSTLEY, one of the gang of counterfeiters of United States currency entrapped by Colonel WHITLEY, was arrested near Tarrytown, and being brought to the City was locked up at the Central Police Office, where his companions, who had been previously caught, were already confined. The prisoners, it is understood, will be retained in their present quarters until Wednesday next, and that no proceedings will be taken in the case until that time.

RELIGIOUS.

Bishop Simpson at the Great Camp Meeting of Round Lake.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

ROUND LAKE, N. Y., Sunday, July 11.

This has been, as was confidently expected, the great day of the camp meeting at this place. At noon there were fully 12,000 people in and immediately round the camp. If it had not been for the stringent rule of the Committee and the railroad directors, which prohibited the trains over the Rensselaer and Saratoga Railroad from stopping at this station to-day, the attendance would have been much larger.

The day, though somewhat threatening in the morning, eventually proved pleasant, and everything passed off satisfactorily.

The discourse by Bishop SIMPSON was one of his finest efforts. His text was Romans xii., 1: "I beseech, therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice to God, which is your reasonable service." It lasted nearly two hours, and was listened to with rapt attention throughout.

In the afternoon Rev. Mr. BEECHER, of Kentucky, preached in the large tent, and Rev. Mr. ADAMS, of the New-York East Conference, from the stand.

The country attendance was large.

The services will be continued through the week.

Bearing the Cross Sermon by Rev. George S. Chambers.

The Second Congregation of the Presbyterian Church, which for two years past has been worshiping in the hall of the Historical Society, held its regular morning and evening services yesterday.

As is customary with congregations of the same denomination whose churches are not closed during the hot season, this congregation fell unite in worship with the congregation of the church corner of Fourteenth-street and Second-avenue, in the church of the latter, on July 18 and the three succeeding Sabbaths, thus affording the pastors of both congregations an opportunity to relieve each other.

Rev. Geo. S. CHAMBERS preached last evening on the "Bearing of the Cross," selecting his text from the 9th chapter of Luke, 23d verse: "If any man will come after me let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me." The evidences of Divine truth, he said, are not to be found in books alone; the Christian has within himself a consciousness of its truth which no reasoning could either disprove or more fully demonstrate. To be a Christian is to be like Christ, to imitate His example and follow in His footsteps. As He bore the cross, not only that on which He died, but a cross throughout His whole life, so must we; and indeed so inevitable is this, that without chastisement the Christian may well begin to doubt the genuineness of the faith that is in him. That religion which excites neither the opposition of the world, nor the envy of the evil one, cannot be such as Christ ordained for His true children. By no like Christ shunned opposition, but practiced self-denial, patience in suffering, ceaseless benevolent activity. His whole life was a cross, so we, if we would be like Him, must "take up our cross daily." He then went on to show the necessity of bearing with Christian fortitude the cross in every instance in which it may present itself to us—Temptation, the loss of friends, the insults of infidels, the mockeries of the wicked, anxiety for unconverted friends, sickness and the dark hour of death itself. Though sometimes like the Saviour himself, the Christian may stagger under the weight of the cross, God will give him strength to bear it to the triumphant end, and he will rest at last, not only in the consciousness of duty well done, but realize the crown of glory prepared by the Saviour for all who bear the Cross after Him.

The Free Methodists—Camp Meeting at Binghamton.

The denomination of Christians known as Free Methodists will hold a camp meeting at Binghamton, N. Y., commencing on the 12th of next month and ending on the 24th.

The Free Methodist Church was organized in 1860. It had its origin, as its members claim, in necessity and not in choice, the issue between them and the Methodist Church being one "between dead formalism and the life and power of godliness." In doctrine they are Methodists, believing in the Holy Trinity, in general atonement, in the necessity of a new birth, in the witness of the Spirit and in future rewards and punishments. They insist that those who profess to be the disciples of Christ should come out from unbelievers and be separate from them, abstaining from connection with all secret societies, renouncing all vain pomp and glory, and adorning themselves in modest apparel, even as Christ and his apostles taught. The government of their Church is composed of Lay-Delegates as well as Ministers, and they have Presiding Elders they have Chairmen of Districts. A General Superintendent is elected once in four years. Their churches are free. All modern expedients for promoting Christianity, such as selling or renting pews, picnics, Christmas trees, festivals, lotteries, fairs and concerts, they regard as condemned Christianity is, they say, a failure if churches cannot be sustained by other means than these.

In the Fall of 1866, the Free Methodist Church had 94 preachers, 6,000 members, 49 church edifices, and property valued at $165,000. In this City there are two churches, one on Ninth-street, Sixteenth-street and Eighth-avenue, and in Brooklyn in the Meeting-house, corner of Twentieth-street and Third-avenue.

Lay Preaching in the City.

Every Sunday afternoon several open air services are held in different parts of the City. Some of them are well attended, others are not. Their object is to collect indifferent persons by pleasure seekers and any others, at some convenient point and there hold brief services of practical interest to all. They are sometimes quite impressive and attract large crowds, holding them attentive listeners for an hour or more. The City Mission holds three services, one at Hamilton-square, Clarke-street and Elizabeth-street. The Young Men's Christian Association hold them in Washington-square and at the junction of Grand-street and East Broadway. Beside these are several others of less note. Lay preaching in halls is also conducted every Sunday at Hope's Assembly Rooms, in Broome-street, and in Eighty-first-street. At all these meeting it is the aim to have short interesting addresses made by business and other laymen, who often speak with good effect. Some of the services are sectarian, all denominations taking part in them. These efforts are made by earnest men, and though the audiences and crowds are often but a mere handful, it may happen that here and there a grain of truth falls in season to save some life from misery and ruin.

Crimes and Casualties—Attempt to Murder a Policeman.

About 1 o'clock yesterday morning Officer PATRICK HIGGINS, of the Sixteenth Precinct, while patrolling his post, noticed four men lying in the doorway of No. 439 or No. 441 West Sixteenth-street. Supposing they were asleep, he proceeded to wake them, as was his duty, but just as he reached them the four men sprang up, and closing upon him with a cry "Now we've got him," wrested his club from his hand, and began beating him over the head. Higgins cried lustily for help, and was luckily heard by Officers CAMPBELL and SHANAHAN. The ruffians fled with the exception of one EDWARD LAMON, to whom HIGGINS clung with such tenacity that he was made prisoner by the officers, and was taken to the Twentieth-street Police Station, together with HIGGINS, who had by this time become helpless. Upon arrival at the house the officer's wounds were examined by Police Surgeon VAN BUREN, who found at least a dozen gashes upon his head, so severe and lacerating that the scalp could be folded up in pieces, and the surgeon declared it to be one of the very worst cases of the kind he had ever attended, expressed surprise that HIGGINS had not been killed outright, and considered that his condition was grave in the extreme. Every possible aid was extended to the suffering policeman, and his friends were yesterday morning taken before Justice DODGE, at the Jefferson Market Police Court, and was remanded to the Station-house until to-day.

Captain WILLIAMSON, of the Sixteenth Precinct, is convinced that the attack upon HIGGINS was a premeditated affair, and that it was the intention of the assailants to take his life. This view of the case was strengthened when two chair legs, stained with blood, were found on the scene of the affray after daylight, showing that the ruffians had in a manner armed themselves before taking position to waylay the officer. None of them, except LAMON, have as yet been arrested, but hopes are entertained that the three at large will soon be apprehended.

STARTLING AFFAIR IN EIGHTH-AVENUE.

About the same hour that this outrage was being perpetrated in Sixteenth-street, the peace of the Sixteenth Precinct was being disturbed in another quarter. ROBERT ROSS, of No. 350 West Twenty-second-street, was sitting on the corner of Twenty-sixth-street and Eighth-avenue, about 1 o'clock in the morning, when a gang of roughs coming along involved him in a quarrel and soon brought the matter to a crisis by striking him in the left side just above the hip, inflicting a severe but not dangerous wound. The assailants immediately fled, and the wound of Ross having been dressed in a neighboring drug store, he was sent home. As he cannot identify any of the persons who attacked him, it is not probable that any of them will ever be arrested.

A DISTURBANCE IN WATER-STREET.

PATRICK MCCABE, residing at No. 319 Water-street, quarreled with his wife, ELIZABETH, at an early hour yesterday morning, but was soon disabled by being struck on the head with a plate. Husband and wife were both arrested and taken to Oak-street Station-house, where his wound, which is not of a serious character, was dressed. As he refused to make any complaint against his wife, both parties were allowed to return home.

A DAMAGED HEAD.

About 2 o'clock yesterday morning, JAMES HAWLEY, of No. 195 Division-street, was found in the street intoxicated and with his head badly cut. He was taken to the Oak-street Station-house, where his wound was dressed, and he was locked up.

A SERIOUS FALL.

About 8 o'clock yesterday morning MARY WILSON, of No. 125 Forsyth-street, while intoxicated, fell down stairs at No. 145 Elm-street, and cut her head severely. She was taken to the Spring-street Station-house, and the wound having been dressed by Surgeon ARMSTRONG, she was sent home.

BLASTING CASUALTIES.

HENRY HAGEEN and other laborers were engaged on the 1st inst. in excavating a sewer in Sixteenth-street, between Ninth and Tenth avenues, and HAGEAN having charged a blast, lighted the fuse, when a spark from it lodged in a keg of powder standing by, and, of course, caused an explosion. HAGEAN jumped away at the instant, but his clothes taking fire, he was terribly burned before assistance could reach him. He was removed to his residence, Sixty-third-street, near Tenth-avenue, where death resulted from his injuries on Saturday. Coroner ROLLINS was notified and held an inquest on the body, when a verdict of accidental death was rendered.

GAUGING WITH BURGLARS' TOOLS.

About 10 o'clock yesterday morning Officer HUSSEY, of the Twenty-ninth Precinct, saw a suspicious character prowling about Nineteenth-street, and upon taking him in charge found a jimmey concealed upon his person. The prisoner gave his name as JOSEPH LAWRENCE, and upon being arraigned yesterday before Justice DODGE, at the Jefferson Market Police Court, was committed for trial.

DISTURBANCE IN HAMILTON PARK.

About 1 o'clock yesterday morning Officer HAMILTON, of the Eighteenth Precinct, being on duty at Hamilton Park, Third-avenue, near Sixty-sixth-street, saw two men engaged in a fight and succeeded in arresting one of them who is named NUGENT. The crowd, however, instantly attacked the policeman, struck him on the head with a paving stone, inflicting a severe wound, and having rescued their prisoner from the church corner of Fourteenth-street and Second-avenue, in the church of the latter, on July 18 and the three succeeding Sabbaths, thus affording the pastors of both congregations an opportunity to relieve each other.

Rev. Geo. S. CHAMBERS preached last evening on the "Bearing of the Cross," selecting his text from the 9th chapter of Luke, 23d verse: "If any man will come after me let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me." The evidences of Divine truth, he said, are not to be found in books alone; the Christian has within himself a consciousness of its truth which no reasoning could either disprove or more fully demonstrate. To be a Christian is to be like Christ, to imitate His example and follow in His footsteps. As He bore the cross, not only that on which He died, but a cross throughout His whole life, so must we; and indeed so inevitable is this, that without chastisement the Christian may well begin to doubt the genuineness of the faith that is in him. That religion which excites neither the opposition of the world, nor the envy of the evil one, cannot be such as Christ ordained for His true children. By no like Christ shunned opposition, but practiced self-denial, patience in suffering, ceaseless benevolent activity. His whole life was a cross, so we, if we would be like Him, must "take up our cross daily." He then went on to show the necessity of bearing with Christian fortitude the cross in every instance in which it may present itself to us—Temptation, the loss of friends, the insults of infidels, the mockeries of the wicked, anxiety for unconverted friends, sickness and the dark hour of death itself. Though sometimes like the Saviour himself, the Christian may stagger under the weight of the cross, God will give him strength to bear it to the triumphant end, and he will rest at last, not only in the consciousness of duty well done, but realize the crown of glory prepared by the Saviour for all who bear the Cross after Him.

The Free Methodists—Camp Meeting at Binghamton.

The denomination of Christians known as Free Methodists will hold a camp meeting at Binghamton, N. Y., commencing on the 12th of next month and ending on the 24th.

The Free Methodist Church was organized in 1860. It had its origin, as its members claim, in necessity and not in choice, the issue between them and the Methodist Church being one "between dead formalism and the life and power of godliness." In doctrine they are Methodists, believing in the Holy Trinity, in general atonement, in the necessity of a new birth, in the witness of the Spirit and in future rewards and punishments. They insist that those who profess to be the disciples of Christ should come out from unbelievers and be separate from them, abstaining from connection with all secret societies, renouncing all vain pomp and glory, and adorning themselves in modest apparel, even as Christ and his apostles taught. The government of their Church is composed of Lay-Delegates as well as Ministers, and they have Presiding Elders they have Chairmen of Districts. A General Superintendent is elected once in four years. Their churches are free. All modern expedients for promoting Christianity, such as selling or renting pews, picnics, Christmas trees, festivals, lotteries, fairs and concerts, they regard as condemned. Christianity is, they say, a failure if churches cannot be sustained by other means than these.

In the Fall of 1866, the Free Methodist Church had 94 preachers, 6,000 members, 49 church edifices, and property valued at $165,000. In this City there are two churches, one on Ninth-street, Sixteenth-street and Eighth-avenue, and in Brooklyn in the Meeting-house, corner of Twentieth-street and Third-avenue.

THE POOR OF FRANCE.

An Ancient Palace Turned into a Poor House—Contented and Happy Mendicants.

From the London Telegraph.

It requires no stretch of the imagination to conceive that in this quiet, out-of-date, but proud little town of the Aisne—this "oasis" in the forest of Retz, as ALEXANDRE MICHAUX, learned historian of the place, has called it—the poor laws of France took their rise. It was hence, at any rate, that FRANCIS I. issued his edict of 1539 for the general reform of justice, including that of the regulations affecting beggars and vagabonds. AUGUSTIN CHALLAMEL declares that it was under this great King that public charity proper first received its organization. Three years after the edict of 1539 we find the King putting regularity and responsibility into the functions of asylum and hospital governors; and in 1546 he is busy among them, requiring each to give an account of his stewardship to the cross in every district. The Provost of Paris did not bear all the fruit he hoped at once; but to him belongs the glory of having given a local habitation and a name to a State Government of the concerns of the poor. By letters patent (Nov. 6, 1544) he established a general bureau for the management of the Hôtel Dieu. Today is this is the birthday of the Assistance Publique of the twenty metropolitan arrondissements over which M. ARMAND HUSSON presides in the Avenue Victoria. If the method and kindly spirit of the author of State charity in France did not commence half the world over, while his people were suffering when he was bequeathing in the proud chateau of Villers-Cotterêts, his beginning was the solid foundation on which the successive generations of his countrymen have been building ever since.

It is a pardonable pride that the historian of Villers-Cotterêts marshals the line of kings who have spread royal hospitality within the walls of the ancient castle, the towers of which still look loftily down upon a royal forest of extraordinary richness and extent—where the wild boar is still to be found. But it was in the time of FRANCIS the First that the castle saw its most glorious days; and it was in the midst of the splendor (fragments of the gilding are still upon the walls against which the beggar's head is pressed) that the sovereign issued the edicts and letters patent which, after some hundred centuries, have turned his sculptured chapel into an infirmary for beggar women; and his *escalier dérobé* into a corner for crones to gossip through the lagging hours.

M. ALEXANDRE MICHAUX, like the writer of MURRAY'S *Handbook*, laments the degradation of the abode of Kings to the present use. "Oh, castle," the historian cries, "which has sheltered so many Kings, which has witnessed so many wonders and so much luxury—itself a wonder and a splendor—is now merely an asylum for infirm old age, a beggar's refuge, *à dépôt de mendicité*." The occasion for a little fine writing is not thrown away. To have been so great and to be so poor and wretched; to have echoed with silver laughter from the musical throats of Princesses, and be heavy with the sadness of the groupings of the Paris streets! Where royal limbs reposed, the crooked spine of some wrinkled old man is stretched. The disdain of rove is replaced by the cotton nightcap! Villers-Cotterêts lives peacefully on the end of its richness of old; and has no industry, as my Guide-conférence at the Hôtel du Dauphin laughingly said to me: "Ne travaillent que ceux qui ont le Depot of Mendicity." Certainly the townsfolk have not advanced to water-carrying, since they have only a pole fixed, one end to an axle of two little wheels, and the other to a man's shoulder, on the mid-point of which an immense bucket is slung still, as they did when the Cossacks were pillaging their houses. Perhaps it is in gratitude they hold to this primitive engine, since it was to its rumbling along a by-street that they owed their deliverance. The history having mentioned the name for the distant hill of French demons. This and the horse-shoe-shaped trend are the points of observation I have made on my way past the old tower fountain on the place to the ancient chateau of the Duke of VALOIS, by which, upon a rubbish heap, lay the faded church decorations of the *mois de Marie*. Haymaking was going on in the park and public resort under the castle walls, making a dainty pastoral scene, on which the hum of the merry beggars within was distinctly audible. The proportions of the ancient chateau—the proud, lofty towers and massive walls—are little, but robbed of their grandeur by the juxtaposition of wards, and *salles*, and *buanderie*, to meet the convenience of the present inmates. Looking from the windows of one of the towers, however, the visitor may conjure up (if the old ladies will be quiet for one moment) the hunting days of France, and people the long, straight avenues—partings of the "forest-hair"—that stretch to the blue distance with the stalwart men of old who hunted the savage beasts of the forest of Retz.

The low line of buildings which front the street, and are opposite a noisy *école primaire*, recall the mind peremptorily to the present uses of the chateau. Under the gateway flag the place is inscribed, "*Dépôt de Mendicité de la Seine*," and old men in hodden gray, topped with queer peaked caps, are round about. A gay cripple, flourishing a cane, hobbles in, while I am speaking with the concierge—one of those elderly Frenchwomen who have age on them though all the hours to come would laugh still with the laughing days of youth. I had glimpses of the spacious outer court, franked with parterres of flowers, and the gray inmates moving hither and thither. "Certainly," the sprightly concierge said, ceasing from the promotion of her wares—"I should be enchanted to show the Director at once. If I would follow her." The stack of buildings to the right of the entrance was the offices and dwelling-place of the governor of the time-beaten beggars of the Seine. I found him in his *salle-de-bureau*—a cordial, bright, kindly gentleman. And he at once set out with me to the entrance of the inner court and range of buildings, where I was formally introduced to the second in command, with instructions that he should show me—everything. My guide could not understand that I had come to see the present inmates, and was grieved that I would not submit to be led to the sculptured staircases and other relics of the splendor of FRANCIS the First's time and which the beggars lived. As we mounted the grand staircase he pointed almost pathetically to the richly-sculptured ceiling. In strange contrast in the place even now, disfigured and transformed, with its present destination. The fine open galleries, the great rooms timbered to the strength of Stonehenge, the palatial spaciousness of the inner court-yard, the broad views of illimitable forest and park from the windows, tell the old story of the place so vividly that the imagination is bewildered and oppressed, while the guide tells his tale—that these are eighty-two beds in this dormitory, that the infirmaries are so full that beds for the sick have been made up in some of the smaller sleeping-rooms, and that it is the day for the distribution of the linen.

Unlike the St. Denis depot, that of Villers-Cotterêts is, in all essential respects, well adapted for its actual purpose. It houses 800 inmates healthily, in air that is strengthened and sweetened by the great forest around it. The dormitories are admirably arranged, and windowed on both sides—whence the poor men and women can survey a scene of ever-changing beauty. While the Director, (who soon rejoined us, anxious to do the honors of his castle of rags himself,) was pointing out the delights of the view, I came to be seen from different windows, helped in the instance by a pair of opera glasses, which I had taken to a position in the corner of the dormitory, from which I could see the distant park to which it turned round with a gleam of sunshine. The inmates of this dormitory were evidently the aristocrats, and were permitted the luxury of an out-look. I was with my father when we came upon the monster windows, and it worked his impetuous nature into a passion in a moment. He bade me sit and watch it; and he described it in his amazing imaginary words, under my feeble illustration, that Kentish workhouse represents the spirit of the English poor law—the minimum of relief in and the maximum of convenience; and this poor harmless, old crone, to the beggar's delirium, the hour of death, with the clergyman reading the last

Sunday curtain calls to show me the three main avenues of the forest, and saying to the poor woman, as we went back, "See, poor, wretched," and touching his cap out of the entrance to show that I embodied the spirit of the Assistance Publique of France.

The depot of Villers-Cotterêts is in no sense a prison, the director was careful to make me understand. It is entirely a matter-of-course, a refuge offered by the State to the broken waifs and strays of society, as a last resort. Men and women are not turned away. When the Paris asylums of the Assistance Publique are full, and M. HUSSON has urgent cases on hand, the Prefecture puts the vacant beds of the chateau at his disposal. The disabled as well as the aged, are gathered to this retreat. But they remain free agents. They can leave at their own pleasure. They are guests, and prisoners of the State. There is a little work for them to do, but they are nearly all too old to do more than pick a handful of lint for the hospitals. There were tailors' and shoemakers' workshops, even weavers' sheds. In the old time—that is, soon after the chateau was abandoned by Royalty—it degraded to the present use, the rooms have fallen into disuse. The men are past employ. Many of them, shambling about the open galleries with the pipkins in which they carry their porridge, are trembling in their nervelessness, are little more than mummies of men; and their poor dim eyes wearily follow the strangers who crosses their path, seeming incapable of taking in the figure.

The old women in the work-rooms where the flint-picking and a make-show of rough needle-work were proceeding, were near the last stitch, the final linen-thread. Some were counting the hours away against the walls, upon which are to be seen scraps of the gold tracories of the gala days gone by. Some forty of the inmates who have a remnant of strength left are permitted to go daily into the town to work, the proceeds of their labor being taken by the administration. Part of the money is devoted to their keep; part to a reserve fund, to be handed over to them should they elect, at any time, to leave the chateau, and part (about fifteen centimes) being handed over to them for pocket-money. These out-door workers are, however, poor fellows of exceptional power, as a peep into the low room where the men possible to eat or chatter speedily proves. Why will pictorial students of character not find their way to a room like this? Every head is a study; and the attitudes and composition of the groups of talkers and eaters and preparers of food are full of suggestion. The crutches lie in all directions. One eager old man—an humble epicure—is slicing his bread (of which each inmate not in the infirmary has 600 grammes a day) with a trouble now to masticate and digest. There is a cripple who seems to be doing little talk; and there is no overlooking; for the old men are guests of the State. They have an open walking-ground which lies beyond the common room, within the castle walls; and it is gra